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Britain ‘may never join the EMU’

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister stiffened his opposition to a single currency yesterday, in the face of calls from a group of economists and businessmen for Britain to embrace one if it were *adopted* by the European Union.

Mr Major told the Commons: "I don't myself believe that the question of joining a single currency will in practice arise for some time ... Arguably, the circumstances may not ever be right." It was his most *dismissive* verdict so far on the chances of British membership of a single currency, and went even further than his BBC interview in April, in which he said that he would not accept a single currency if it would damage the nation State. Sceptics *said* that he had moved a further step in their direction.

But Mr Major also faced a pro-European backlash as a working *group on monetary union*, chaired by the *former* Governor of the Bank of England, concluded that, on economic and political grounds, Britain could not afford to allow core member *states* to go ahead *without it. The committee of inquiry* under Lord Kingsdown, which was invited by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to study a single currency, said: "If a handful of member states decides to go ahead to form a monetary union, it seems all too likely that they will form a political inner circle integrated in many fields, not just in monetary union; while *if Britain stays outside, there must be a real risk that* it could become increasingly marginalised."

Lord Kingsdown later told a news conference in Westminster: "There would be a favourable effect on jobs, on *interest rates, on the* purchasing power of pensions into the future, on inflation and a continual favourable background for inward investment."

However, some senior pro-European Cabinet ministers rejected the report, saying that it was "simple lunacy" to publish it at a time when *it would jeopardise the fragile Cabinet truce over monetary* union. One minister said that, for *just* about the first time, the Right would be able to accuse the pro-Europeans of kicking over the traces.

Lord Howe of Aberavon, president of the Action Centre for Europe, which published the report, underlined its message yesterday. Lord Howe, reacting to reports that right-wing Cabinet ministers were pressing Mr Major to give a manifesto pledge ruling out a single currency within the *next Parliament*, deplored efforts to kick *monetary union "into the long* grass". He said that *if* Mr Major bowed to such pressure he would effectively be admitting that Britain did not want to join a monetary *union at all*.

The *pro-European fightback* drew a scornful response from the Tory Right, with Euro-sceptics demanding that Mr Clarke, a member of the advisory council of the Action Centre for Europe, dissociate himself from its findings. They said that its conclusions were unremarkable because Lord Kingsdown *(the former Bank of England Governor Robin Leigh-Pemberton) had* "stuffed" his inquiry team with pro-Europeans.

Sceptics produced a letter from John Stevens, an *MEP, disclosing that* Mr Clarke *had* asked *Lord Kingsdown to chair the inquiry*, which began work in January.

Last night the Treasury confirmed this, saying that the Chancellor wanted to encourage a debate on monetary union. "But the Chancellor was in no way involved in the drafting of the

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Daring marine raid into Serb stronghold

US pilot plucked to safety from Bosnia

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Captain O'Grady, *described as a "tough hombre". He said that he felt "good, but ready to get the hell out of here"*

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

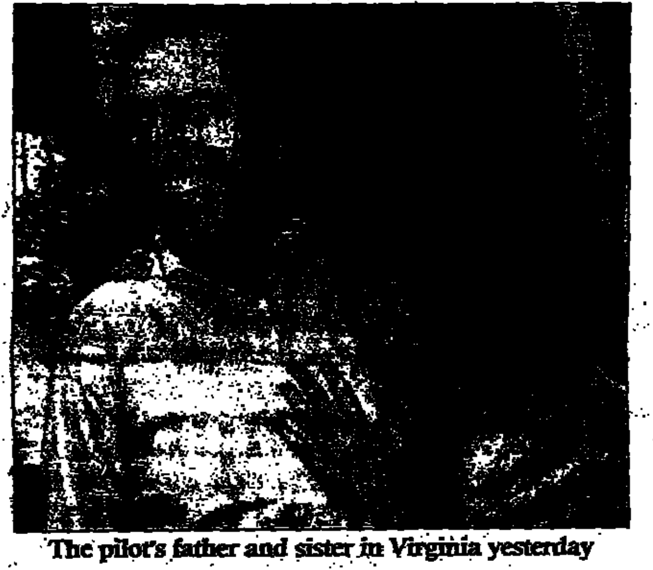
US MARINES made a dramatic dawn flight into the heart of Bosnian Serb territory yesterday to rescue the American pilot who was shot down six days ago and widely believed to be dead.

Two helicopters, backed by a multinational fleet of nearly 40 aircraft, landed on a pine-covered hilltop where Captain Scott O'Grady, 29, was *hiding*. *Within minutes* he was being ferried to safety amid a rattle of small-arms fire and the launch of at least one surface-to-air missile by the Bosnian Serbs.

The success of the daring operation caused jubilation in the United States. President Clinton called the bravery and skill of Captain O'Grady and his rescuers an *inspiration. "They are all* American *heroes," he said.*

Captain O'Grady was malnourished, dehydrated, suffering from hypothermia and had been burnt on the back of his neck when ejecting from his plane. He had survived nearly a week in the open, evading Bosnian Serb forces and living on "bugs and rainwater", officials *said*.

Admiral *Leighton Smith*, Nato's *southern* Europe *commander, said*: "This is a tough *hombre* we're talking about. Whatever else he had, he had a lot of guts to go with it ... guts and training." Survival training is mandatory for US Air Force pilots.



The pilot's father and sister in Virginia yesterday

Marine Colonel Martin Berndt, who *led the* rescue mission, said: "To see him *running* through *the brush, covered in sweat* and water with his pistol in his hand; making his way to the aircraft is not a scene that I'll soon forget."

Captain O'Grady had been missing since his F16 fighter was destroyed by a Bosnian Serb missile about 90 miles north of Sarajevo as he enforced the United *Nations no-fly zone. The pilot* of a second *F16 did not see* him eject.

A massive search-and-rescue operation had picked up faint and spasmodic electronic signals that may have come from a beacon in his survival pack or may have been a Bosnian Serb trap. Even those ceased on Tuesday. *But while the American public had virtually* given the pilot up for dead, *Pentagon officials privately told his father that the* Serbs had found his parachute and other belongings, suggesting that he was not only alive but being hunted.

At about 1.45am yesterday Nato picked up a Morse-code message that only Captain O'Grady could have sent. At about 2am a pilot flying over *the area heard his voice for the first time on the radio*. The news was relayed to a rescue team that had *spent* five days waiting on the *USS Kearsarge*, an amphibious assault craft in the Adriatic.

The pilot's position was pinpointed about 20 miles southeast of Bihac and a few miles from where *his plane had crashed. At about 5am* a multinational rescue fleet took off, flying high over Bosnia. As *support planes patrolled the skies and jammed Serb radar*, two CH53 helicopters swooped down where Captain O'Grady had fired a yellow flare and landed within 50 yards of his hiding place.

With two more Cobra helicopter gunships and two Harrier jets circling low overhead, 40 heavily armed marines leapt from the CH53s and *Captain O'Grady ran from the trees, helmet on and pistol in hand*. "Basher 52", as he was codenamed, was hauled into one of the CH53s and, after barely two minutes on the ground, they both took off. As they did so, Bosnian Serb forces fired at least one surface-to-air missile and one of the helicopters was hit by small-arms fire.

Inside the helicopter Captain O'Grady smiled broadly, declared that he was "good, but ready to get the hell out of here" and then collapsed, either from emotion, exhaustion or "maybe a little of both", Pentagon officials said.

News of the rescue was swiftly transmitted to Washington where *Anthony Lake*, the National Security Adviser, broke the news to the President. The two men celebrated with cigars on the White House balcony, Hillary Clinton having banned smoking inside. The President immediately telephoned Captain O'Grady's family in Alexandria, a Washington suburb.

Pentagon chiefs lavished *praise on Captain O'Grady, who had moved only at night* to evade capture and had transmitted only occasional radio *signals* to conserve his batteries.

He had taken a 17-day survival course in 1991 and annual refresher courses. Master Sergeant Nate Goolsby, superintendent of the life support division at the US Air Force base at Ramstein, Germany, *said: "They learn basic survival techniques* like *how* to conceal themselves, how to find food, how to navigate land by both day and night. They learn how to catch small animals and prepare them for food, how to identify edible plants and how to find water and shelter."

Pilots also carried a supply kit on every mission, he said. It could include a *handgun*, a small amount of food, a com*pass and, in some cases*, a Serbo-Croat phrasebook.

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Churchill ‘took barbiturates’

Sir Winston Churchill regularly took barbiturates and amphetamines to help him "get through the night and day". Professor Richard Lovell, the biographer of his personal physician, claims in a letter to the *British Medical Journal* .... Page 3

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Nurses acclaim pay deal breakthrough

By Jill Sherman, *Political Correspondent*

NURSES' leaders yesterday hailed a "significant breakthrough" in their five-month pay dispute after Virginia Bottomley announced a series of concessions on local pay bargaining.

The *Health Secretary said* trust *hospitals would not* be *allowed to change working conditions*, such as holidays, sick leave and hours as part of *local pay* deals this year. *Trusts* have been told to award a 3 per cent across-the-board increase in London allowances.

The measures were welcomed by the Royal College of Nursing, fuelling speculation that an end to the nurses' dispute was in sight. The college hinted that it would be prepared to enter into local pay deals, which it has boycotted over the past five months. Other health service unions made clear that they wanted to continue the battle against local pay bargaining, criticising the college for making secret deals with ministers. In a letter to the college, Mrs Bottomley also made clear that the pay awards did not have to be funded from efficiency *savings*. In a *further concession she announced* a 3 per cent increase in student bursaries.

Christine Hancock, the college's general secretary, said that the Government had at last listened to the concerted anger of nurses. "They have made a significant breakthrough. Mrs Bottomley has really taken the brakes off some of the difficulties."

Mick Fisher, head of health for GMB, the general workers' union, accused the Government of trying to divide the unions. If one union reached a deal it was bound to weaken the other unions' case, he said. "If there have been secret meetings between Christine Hancock and Virginia Bott-

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Royal Mail office stamps on US toes

From Ben Macintyre in New York

THE Royal Mail has struck fear into the US Postal Service by opening an office in Manhattan offering a cheaper and *faster service* for American businesses.

Since it began operations 11 months ago, the office has made millions by shipping post in bulk to London and then sending it to other international destinations through the British postal system. The venture has proved so successful that Marvin Runyon, the US Postmaster General, this week announced the formation of a new international business mail unit in an attempt to recapture work.

Numerous American companies with *extensive international mailing lists* have forsaken the American postal system *to take advantage of* the daily *flights to London* offered by the Royal Mail. The letters and packages are sorted at the new *administration* office at Heathrow *and sent on* around *the* globe. Derrick Davidson, the Royal Mail sales manager in New York, declined to specify the profits *reaped by the British entrepre*neurial incursion into the American market, but he noted that the Manhattan office would make "double-digit millions" in the first year of operations.

"We hope to double that in the next financial year," he said. The Royal Mail hopes to become one of the largest international mail shippers in the United States, second only to the domestic conveyer.

The often costly and inefficent US *Postal Service has lost an estimated 13 per cent of the international mail business* to foreign *rivals* in recent years.

The American service's motto reads: "Neither *snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from* the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Unless, that is, the Royal Mail gets there first.

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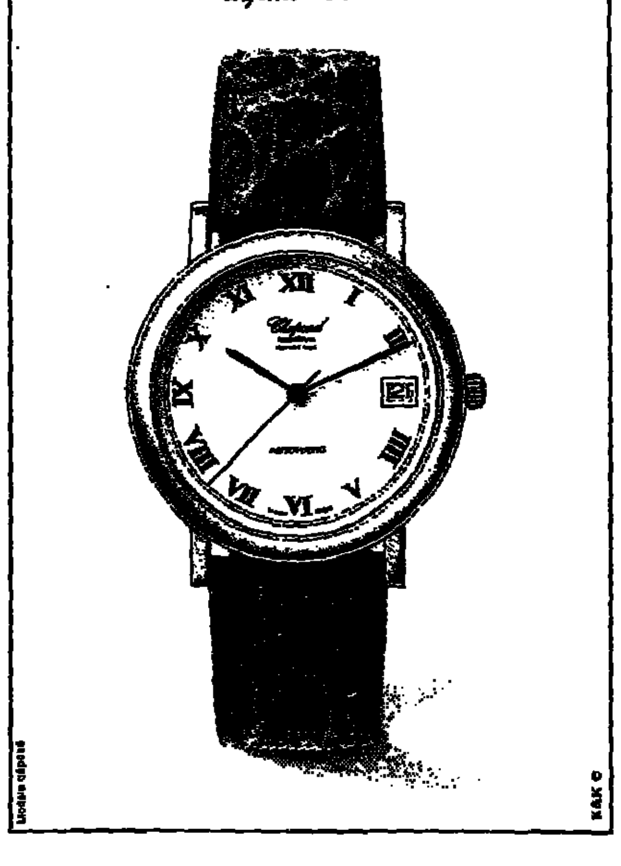

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POLITICAL SKETCH

WOMEN refresh politics. Who can forget the day when the monumental Baroness Trumpington, baffled by a tricky question from a Labour peer, complained "the noble lord is trying to get my knickers in a twist again"?

Weeks ago, the new Junior Minister at Agriculture, Angela Browning, asked about food labelling, disarmed Leyton's hairy class-warrior, Harry Cohen, by calling him a "dear old-fashioned thing". Yesterday, challenged by Richard Spring (C. Bury St Edmunds) to say what she was doing to increase consumption of UK-produced food, she told MPs that she had eaten so much of it that she had gone up a dress-size already.

She added that on the Continent British food was all the rage. "They seek out British muffins in the capital of France." MPs were so bemused at the thought of the French populace storming not the Bastille for liberty, fraternity and equality, but Marks & Spencer for muffins, that discussion of food production fizzled out.

Who wants to discuss UK food production, anyway? Long live the MP who tackles the questions we really want answered! Long live Teresa Gorman (C. Billericay) who last week shocked the political establishment by putting into words what none dare admit: that Britain's response to Serbian hostage-taking is "give us our soldiers back and we'll stop bombing you".

Yesterday Mrs Gorman ignored the details of European food policy, doubted whether ministers actually buy their own groceries, and pointed out that if you fly to New York ("admittedly a long way to go shopping") food costs only half as much. Our prices are "a rip-off". And long live the Prime Minister, who brushed aside a complex inquiry from Tony Blair about the added cost of building society mortgages and announced: "I'm with the Skipton." Well, almost.

Blair had challenged Major to say what would be the cost to homeowners of the new rule that we buy our own mortgage-protection insurance. The Skipton, replied Major, will offer it free. Blair floundered. In confident form, Major drove home the advantage, calling the Labour leader "flummoxed". Blair was on unfamiliar ground. He had come to the Commons to talk about government policy, but found himself in a discussion of the merits of the Skipton's special offer.

Major shines in the role of building society manager. Indeed, had Blair been better-briefed, he, too, would convince as a mortgage salesman.

All both men needed was umbrellas and a couple of bowler hats and they could have two-stepped up to the Table: Major playing a reassuring Mr Bradford to Tony Blair's enthusiastic Mr Bingley.

Sadly, there was no such duet yesterday. But Blair and Major did leave at the same time, through the same door, and almost in step. Remembering Pitt and Fox in *The Madness of King George*, we could imagine the dialogue:

"Do you enjoy these occasions, Mr Bradford?"

"No, I don't, Mr Bingley."

"Do you enjoy anything, Mr Bradford?"

"A balance sheet, Mr Bingley: I enjoy a good balance sheet."

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Tories' fightback strategy points to imminent tax cuts

Cabinet agrees two-year battle plan for victory

By Philip Webster, political editor

A TWO-YEAR battle plan aimed at lifting the Conservatives from the depths of unpopularity to general election victory was set in motion by the Cabinet yesterday.

Every member of the Cabinet contributed to what informed sources described as a "frank, realistic and positive" discussion of the party's current plight, underlined last night by an opinion poll showing it trailing by 39.5 per cent to Labour and Tony Blair as the most popular leader an Opposition has ever had.

In a move that appeared to point to imminent cuts in taxation, ministers agreed that all the substantial milestones between now and the expected election date of spring 1997, including Kenneth Clarke's two Budgets, should be used as part of the fightback strategy.

The discussions yesterday lasted almost two hours and came after the Cabinet's official business had been concluded. It was reported afterwards that the Cabinet had accepted that the Government was perceived as failing to respond to the needs, desires and problems of many ordinary people, and expressed a determination to tackle them.

The new policy formation and campaigning effort will focus on the themes of enterprise and prosperity, opportunity and ownership, law and order, the improvement of the public services and the maintenance of Britain as a sovereign nation.

John Major immediately set the tone over Europe in the Commons with his most sceptical remarks so far about a single currency.

Today he will harden the message with another outspoken attack on Labour's plans for devolution which, he says, will weaken the United Kingdom.

Speaking at the Welsh Conservative conference in Llangollen, North Wales, the Prime Minister will claim that the Labour Party's stance has been forced on it by fear of the Scottish National Party. Its "half-hearted" proposals for a Welsh assembly would only mean more bureaucracy and more government.

The fightback strategy will also involve a more aggressive approach to Tony Blair and his claims to have modernised the Labour Party.

In a speech at Westminster last night Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, said that all the themes of Mr Blair's so-called new Labour could be found in the traditions of the Left.

"The high-flown rhetoric and empty agenda of Ramsay MacDonald coupled with the financial orthodoxy of Philip Snowden. The slick technocratic appeal to Middle England perfected by Harold Wilson," Mr Dorrell said. "The constitutional distractions of all Labour leaders. The political correctness and personal politics of the American liberals. There is little new about any of this."

Mr Dorrell said Mr Blair was not modernising his party; he was traditionalising it. "He is taking Labour back to the future."

The Gallup poll in *The Daily Telegraph* today puts Labour on 59.5 per cent, the Tories on 20 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats on 14.5 per cent.

Mr Blair's satisfaction rating, at 68 per cent, is the highest ever, beating Harold Wilson's 67 per cent in November 1963, and Margaret Thatcher's 64 per cent in February 1976.

Labour is also stepping up its pre-election activity. Mr Blair has called all members of the Shadow Cabinet to a special all-day session in London today.

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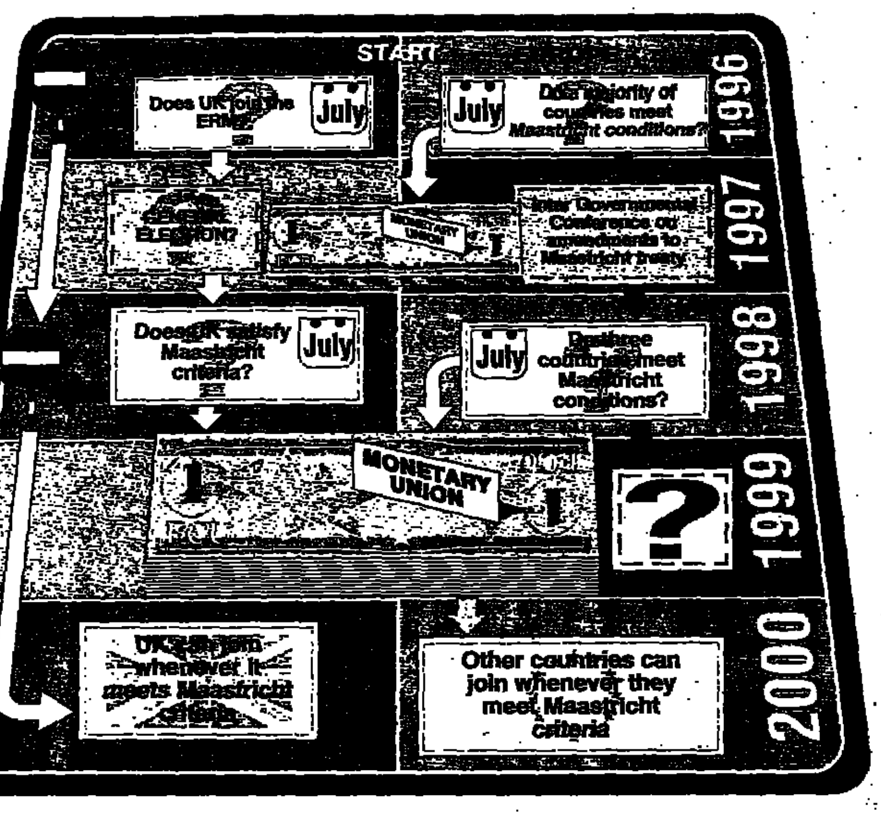
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Britain 'may never join EMU'

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report, which reflects solely the views of its authors."

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, and Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, attacked the conclusions of the report. Mr Lamont said that although its members were distinguished, they were not impartial.

"The practical difficulties with monetary union are immense," he said. "There is no economic justification for taking such huge risks."

Mr Portillo rejected the report's criticism of the British opt-out from the final stage of monetary union. "The opt-out that John Major took ... is the most sensible thing to do."

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Tests to find bad teachers planned

Proposals to identify incompetent teachers by introducing practical tests for trainees are being considered by a new government watchdog. Veteran teachers would also have to prove their worth at regular intervals or face retraining.

The Teacher Training Agency, which controls an annual training budget of more than £500 million, is drawing up a package of measures to tackle the hard core of bad teachers who blight thousands of pupils' education. Almost one third of lessons are judged substandard by inspectors each year.

Pay pledge

Labour issued a fresh call for a national minimum wage yesterday, declaring that it would save the taxpayer up to £2.4 billion a year paid in benefits to people on low pay. Harriet Harman, the Shadow Employment Secretary, said every taxpayer was paying £100 a year to subsidise low-pay employers. Labour would put a floor under wages, she added.

Trial challenge

Matthew Simmons, the football fan attacked by Eric Cantona at Crystal Palace, who faces charges of using threatening words and behaviour, was given permission by the High Court to seek judicial review of a decision by Croydon magistrates to continue with his trial. He claims he could not receive a fair hearing because of publicity.

Sentence cut

Michael Smith, an electronics engineer serving 25 years for selling secrets to Russia, lost his appeal against conviction but had his sentence cut to 20 years. The Court of Appeal said Smith, 46, of Kingston upon Thames, southwest London, was not in the "highest league" of espionage and there was no evidence he had endangered the lives of British agents.

Shooting victim

A 22-year-old man became the latest victim of the spate of shootings in Liverpool when he was wounded in a daylight ambush in Toxteth yesterday. He had emergency surgery at the Royal Liverpool Hospital after one of four bullets fired at him entered his side and emerged through his chest. He condition was later said to be comfortable.

New quarry plan

Islanders on Harris, who successfully campaigned against a proposed quarry at Lingerbay in the south of the island, face a new plan by Scottish Aggregates to create a 175-acre quarry at Loch Seaforth in the north. The company wants to extract up to five million tonnes of aggregate a year from total reserves of 170 million tonnes.

Rugby award

A rugby union club has been awarded £130,000 from the national lottery fund partly to help develop the women's game, although the midlands club does not have any female playing members. Rival clubs were yesterday upset that Wellingborough had received the money to build a new clubhouse and provide separate facilities for men and women.

Stones' thanks

The Rolling Stones will play in a factory car park to thank their sponsors, Volkswagen. Sixty thousand workers for the German carmaker will see the gig at Wolfsburg on August 25 as part of the group's Voodoo Lounge tour. Volkswagen paid £6 million for the 135-date tour and 100,000 VW Golf cars are expected to be sold with Voodoo Lounge logos.

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Scheme offers free unemployment insurance

Major urges mortgage firms to follow Skipton

By Anne Ashworth

THE Prime Minister rejected calls yesterday to abandon plans to reduce state help for mortgage payments, in spite of renewed fears that replacement private insurance schemes are doomed to failure.

As a report by the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux said reliance on mortgage insurance policies was fraught with risk, Mr Major demanded "a high-quality comprehensive system of mortgage insurance" and urged mortgage lenders to offer borrowers free insurance against unemployment.

Speaking at Prime Minister's Questions, Mr Major urged lenders to take action themselves to offer insurance schemes for borrowers, citing the "best practice" of the Skipton Building Society, which announced yesterday that it will be providing free unemployment insurance cover to its 55,000 borrowers, almost regardless of their employment, with effect from October.

The cover, which will cost the society, the 16th largest, more than £2 million a year, is underwritten by the American-owned insurance company ITT London & Edinburgh, a big player in the credit protection business.

The Skipton's move follows considerable resistance by lenders to the Government's proposals for the reduction in income support, due to take effect in October. Lenders have been arguing that millions of borrowers would be ineligible for mortgage protection insurance which is being promoted by the Government as the replacement to the state safety net.

The wide scope of the Skipton policy reinforces claims made earlier this week by Tony Baker, Deputy Director General of the Association of British Insurers, that insurance groups were refining and developing their mortgage protection policies to suit the changes in the market.

Major lenders, such as the Halifax, conceded that it would also be possible for them to organise similar blanket policies, but not before the October deadline. However, they continued to emphasise that not every risk could be covered.

Skipton borrowers who lose their jobs will be entitled to submit claims after two months and to receive payments for seven months. At the end of this period, mortgage income support for new borrowers will become payable under the proposals put forward by the Department of Social Security.

Most unusually, ITT London & Edinburgh is prepared to insure people on short-term contracts, so long as those contracts have been renewed more than twice.

These employees, who represent an increasing percentage of the workforce have, in the past, been refused mortgage protection cover. They are among the five million homeowners, estimated to be ineligible for this type of mortgage cover in a Department of Environment report, published last month.

The self-employed will also be covered, although they will be able to claim on their policies only if they have ceased trading, and have sent the appropriate notice to the Inland Revenue.

John Goodfellow, chief executive of the Skipton, was yesterday critical of other lenders which have mounted a campaign of resistance against the Goverment's income support proposals.

He said: "Few if any of the responses from the industry have indicated a willingness to work in the interests of the customer, when, in this case, they are the same of the interests of the lender. I do not intend to stand by and allow my borrowers to suffer up to nine months arrears before they receive assistance."

Ron McCormick, the Skipton's finance director, added that the society hoped that the expense of running the scheme would be counterbalanced by lower provisions for bad debts.

Britain attacked over dumping of oil platform

From Nick Nuttall in Esbjerg

MINISTERS from five European nations and the European Commission yesterday called Britain's plan to dump the Brent Spar platform "an act of environmental vandalism" which future generations will find hard to forgive.

Ritt Bjerregaard, the Commission's Danish environment commissioner, told the North Sea Conference: "Such practices cannot be accepted. The international community must speak with one voice. The dumping of oil installations must be banned."

She accused John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, of "sending a political signal that the sea may be used as a rubbish dump". Mrs Bjerregaard said America no longer approved of dumping. Britain was making a mockery of the millions of people across Europe who tried to conserve resources and improve the environment by recycling everything from glass to paper.

Her attack was backed by Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany, which are insisting that all old installations are brought back to land and recycled with their toxic wastes safely removed.

Mr Gummer, who was late arriving for the conference yesterday, rejected claims that Britain was damaging the seas with its policy on oil installations. He said: "There are two ways of getting oil out of the North Sea. One is the British way to drill for it and the other is the Danish way. They scrape the fish up to turn it into fish oil and burn it in a power station."

Mr Gummer was referring to Denmark's industrial fishery where up to two million sand eels are taken from the North Sea for processing into fuel and animal feed.

He said that the disposal of the Brent Spar had been agreed under international rules to which all the nations at the conference had agreed. The Danish way "left death and destruction behind interferring with the ecological cycle of the North Sea resulting in damage to fish stocks".

Critics fear the Brent Spar sets a precedent for the disposal of up to 50 big rigs and platforms if it is allowed. Privately, Mr Gummer has expressed concern about dumping the platform.

The Trade and Industry Department insists that every installation will be treated on a case-by-case basis and that the Brent Spar is too dangerous to workers to be brought on shore. The cost of disposal on land is also about £40 million, compared with about £11 million for dumping at sea.

The Netherlands, which has a small offshore gas industry, is also demanding a ban on the production of the toxic muds that collect at the base of oil rigs during drilling. The latest figures show that the industry is producing about 3,820 tonnes of these each year.

Nurses near deal

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omley I am absolutely appalled." Margaret Beckett, the Shadow Health Secretary, was also sceptical. "Low pay is still a danger. It is still on the agenda and we are still opposed to it," she said.

The Health Department moved swiftly last night to try to reassure managers that the Government was not ditching local pay bargaining. Ken Jarrold, the NHS director of human resources, wrote to chief executives of NHS trusts restating ministers' commitment to local pay.

The RCN hinted last night that it might end its boycott of local pay deals, claiming the Government had met most of its demands. Latest evidence given to the college shows that a total of 346 trusts have made pay offers, 85 per cent for 3 per cent or more. However more than half of these have strings attached relating to terms and conditions, which the RCN now hopes will be largely removed.

☐ Hospital consultants are close to agreeing a scheme that will give NHS trusts more power to determine their pay. Under the scheme, the top of the consultant's salary scale would be extended from its present £52,000 to £62,000.

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Flowering century cactus lives up to its reputation

A RARE cactus has delighted botanists by flowering for the first time in 99 years.

The South American Century Plant last blossomed in 1896 several years after it was given to Oxford University's Botanic Gardens by Victorian travellers. Since then the 3ft high plant — botanical name *Agave americana* — has stood unobtrusively in the cactus house.

Staff hoped it would bloom again before the year 2000 but were delighted when the plant, which developed a 12ft high spike in the autumn, suddenly flowered last week. Experts believe it was spurred into action when a ventilation system broke down and the glass house overheated.

The cactus in flower

Horticultural enthusiasts have flocked to the gardens to view the cactus and its hundreds of tiny white and yellow blooms. The only other known Century Plant in Britain is in Edinburgh's Botanic Gardens and is not expected to flower for 50 years.

Anna Toeman, 22, who tends the plant, said: "It is all very exciting as we had no idea when the plant was going to flower."

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Physician's biographer names drugs

Churchill 'took amphetamines and barbiturates'

By Andrew Pierce

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, who was renowned for his alcohol intake, regularly took amphetamines and barbiturates according to his personal physician's biographer. A doctor who treated him said they were to help him to "get through the night and day".

A test dose of amphetamines was prescribed to Sir Winston a few days before his keynote speech to the Tory party conference in Margate in October 1953. After a stroke earlier in the year, he feared he would not be able to complete the speech. However, after taking a pill containing amphetamines, it went down well.

Professor Richard Lovell, biographer of Lord Moran, makes the claim today in a letter to the *British Medical Journal*. He says that the wartime leader began to take barbiturates in 1940 to help him to sleep, and the stimulant amphetamines after the stroke. They are now controlled drugs.

His decision to identify the drugs, referred to in biographies by nicknames such as "Moran", "Minors" or "Reds", was attacked last night by the only surviving doctor to have treated Sir Winston. Lord Richardson, 84, a former president of the General Medical Council, said: "These things are better left alone. I administered to Sir Winston at Chartwell and his London home in the last years of his life when he was not on these drugs. I would have known.

"He was prescribed them when he was in public life to help him get through the night and day. It has never been spelt out before because the details are private and should remain so.

"It is wrong to drag it up now, especially as everyone knows he drank heavily. He always had a glass in his hand and a cigar, even when I saw him in bed. The mixture clearly worked for him."

Sir Winston, who drank whisky and soda after breakfast, champagne for lunch washed down by brandy, and whisky and champagne at night, said of his drinking habits: "I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me."

Anthony Montague Browne, 72, Sir Winston's private secretary for the last 13 years of his life, said the drugs were not administered every day. "A lot of prime ministers probably take sleeping pills. These drugs were not controlled then. They were perfectly respectable."

Mr Montague Browne refrains in his newly published memoirs of Sir Winston's last years, *The Long Sunset*, from giving the drugs their proper names. He denies that there has been a cover-up. "It would not have caused a stir then if it had been known and it should not now. He was an old man. I never named them, and I suspect others felt the same, because I did not think it important."

Professor Lovell, in his letter to the *British Medical Journal*, says that he did not divulge the details in his 1992 book, *Churchill's Doctor: A Biography of Lord Moran*, because they had not been publicly mentioned before.

Sir Winston: impressed

He said last night: "Some of the drugs, which used aspirin to try to ward off the onset of strokes, have become of interest to medical historians so I decided to try to name them. Lady Soames, Sir Winston's daughter, and the current Lord Moran, agreed. Amphetamines could bring great benefits today."

Sir Winston would have agreed. Having consumed a box of oysters, a mouthful of steak and half a glass of champagne before the 1953 trial run, he told Lord Moran: "I took your pill at 1pm. It was a great success. It cleared my head and gave me great confidence. Then promptly at 2pm I got to my feet and went through my speech in 36.5 minutes. I know now I can stand that time."

Andrew Roberts, the author of *The Churchillians*, said: "It's a great advertisement for amphetamines and Sir Winston. John Major should try them to improve his performance."

Mr Montague Browne added: "Churchill had sleeping pills and stimulators which were perfectly respectable. At the time I did not know they were amphetamines. He occasionally took them when he was going to make a speech.

"It is all perfectly true and all perfectly normal. They were like taking an aspirin. It is nonsense to suggest the mixture of the pills and alcohol could have affected him. His drinking habits have been greatly exaggerated. He did not drink excessively."

Lord Richardson, a former editor-in-chief of the *British Encyclopedia Medical Practice*, said that Sir Winston was his most impressive patient. "If he had asked to go back on the amphetamines I would not have hesitated." However, he added: "I would never have dreamt of discussing it with anyone."

Police, who describe Wayne Black as extremely dangerous, found this mask and pair of handcuffs with his gang

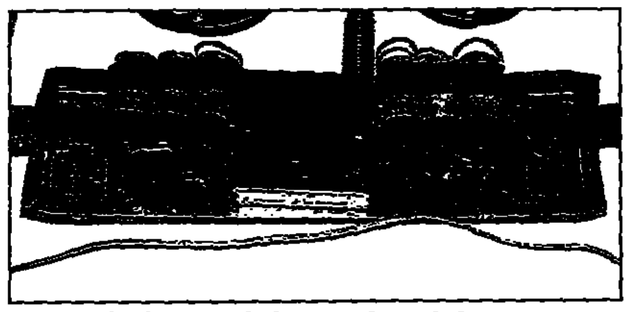
Kidnapper flees from jail van before jury finds him guilty

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

A DANGEROUS kidnapper was on the run last night after he escaped from a prison van while on trial at the Old Bailey. Wayne Black, a member of a gang calling itself The Professionals, had plotted to take a shop manageress hostage and threaten to turn her into a "human bomb" by strapping a fake device around her waist.

They also stole £200,000 in jewellery from a shop by taking the family of a staff member hostage. Black's escape plunged the prison service into fresh controversy because he was a Category A prisoner who had been on remand in a special unit at Belmarsh jail in southeast London.

He is the fourth category A prisoner to escape from custody this year and his disappearance will renew concern about security throughout the prison system as well as fuelling speculation about the position of Derek Lewis, the service's director-general. Black, 27, from Stoke Newington, north London, was convicted in his absence yesterday at the end of an 11-week trial of robbery, kidnap and false imprisonment. Two other members of the gang were jailed for a total of 30 years.



The fake bomb the gang intended to use

Black, described by police as "extremely dangerous with nothing to lose", escaped in Rotherhithe, southeast London at 5pm on Monday as he was being driven from the Old Bailey to Belmarsh prison. He fled shortly before the jury went out to consider its verdict. Jurors at the Old Bailey trial, who had been given round-the-clock protection to prevent any attempt to "nobble them", were not told of his escape until after they returned their verdicts. He was one of two men in a prison vehicle which contained three officers. There was no police escort in spite of Black's reputation as a violent man.

One of the men produced a homemade knife and a toothbrush which contained a razor blade. The knife was held at an officer's throat and the prisoners threatened to slit it if he was not released. Black and a second prisoner escaped through an emergency hatch. The man who escaped with him was recaptured near by. A Prison Service spokeswoman refused to say whether the men were handcuffed.

Scotland Yard said that Black was dangerous and should not be approached. He is 6ft 4in tall and heavily built with fair hair.

Yesterday the jury at the Old Bailey found three members of the gang guilty of involvement in a robbery at a jewellers in Golders Green. James Lawson, 37, of Kilburn, northwest London, Black's accomplice in the violent robbery, was jailed for 18 years.

Jamie Batell, 30, of Whistler Street, Islington, north London received 12 years for conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to rob and having a firearm with intent. As he was led to the cells, Batell shouted at his sobbing mother: "Mum, mum, I'll be out in six." A fourth defendant, Steven Ramadan, 30, was cleared but returned to custody as he is serving ten years for other unrelated robberies.

Cats help scientists to unlock the secret of sleep

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

SCIENTISTS believe they have discovered the secret of going to sleep. The findings could lead to a natural sleeping pill safer than any on the market.

American researchers kept cats awake and isolated from their brains a substance that was telling them to go to sleep. This "sleep factor", when synthesised and injected into rats, put them into a peaceful and natural sleep.

According to Scripps Research Institute at La Jolla, California, the evidence is that the same compound may control sleep in humans. "A new, natural source for a sleep-modulating substance may be at hand," the institute says.

The search for a sleep factor has been conducted for more than 20 years. The evidence that it existed came from work at Harvard Medical School in the 1970s. Research there showed that fluid taken from the brains of animals that were tired could induce sleep when injected into other animals.

This is the first time, however, that the active ingredient has been isolated and synthesised. Writing in *Science*, the Scripps team says that the substance, cis-9,10-octadecenamide, acts as a signal, telling the brain it is time for sleep. The amounts increase during the day until they trigger the process of going to sleep.

The researchers extracted fluid from the spinal column of cats which had been artificially kept awake. This fluid, which fills the brain and spinal cord, was analysed and a series of chemicals called fatty acid primary amides was identified. A synthetic version of cis-9,10-octadecenoamide was the only one that induced sleep in rats.

"It put them to sleep in a remarkably natural manner" says Dr Steven Henriksen, the senior sleep physiologist on the team. While a lot more work will be needed, the research may point the way to better sleeping pills. Drug companies are likely to take a considerable interest.

Souness denies he domineered former wife

By Kathryn Knight

GRAEME SOUNESS saw his ex-wife as a domestic appendage to his successful career, it was alleged at the High Court yesterday. George Carman, QC, for *Mirror Group Newspapers*, suggested to Mr Souness, 42, the former Liverpool manager who is now married to Karen Levy, 35, a former model and actress, that the reason Danielle Souness left him in 1988 after ten years of marriage was because she felt consistently undermined by his attitude to her.

Mr Carman told the jury on the third day of a libel trial that Mrs Souness, 39, had wanted to open a business in Edinburgh while her husband was player-manager at Glasgow Rangers. "You said, Who's going to be there to cook my dinner?"

Mr Carman told the court that Mr Souness had issued a series of "dictatorial and domineering" letters to his ex-wife over two years ordering her to get out of the home he had bought for her and the children in Surrey. This culminated in an eviction notice served in November 1992.

Mr Souness said: "I have never thrown my ex-wife out of the farm. Everything becomes conditional with her — the game changes week to week. We had agreed she would sign a tenancy agreement and then she didn't. That's my ex-wife."

Mr Souness, who arranged a separation agreement worth about £1 million to his wife, denied threatening her and said she was a wealthy woman in her own right. Mr Carman said that when she talked to *The People* in May 1993, Mrs Souness was desperate because Mr Souness refused to give her money for the children. Mr Souness replied: "She has never been desperate from the day she was born to today."

Mr Souness said he was brought up in a prefab and had worked for everything he had got. Mr Carman added: "Everyone in this courtroom has worked for what they've got." Looking at his ex-wife, Mr Souness said: "Well, I can point to one who's not, sir."

Under re-examination from his counsel, Lord Williams, QC, Mr Souness said he felt raw and exposed in court but had been left with no choice but to put his side of the story. "If I hadn't come here, that headline would have lived with me for ever."

Mr Souness is seeking damages from Mirror Group Newspapers after *The People* carried a front page interview with his ex-wife in which she claimed he behaved like a "dirty rat" to their children, and had told her to "get stuffed" when she asked him for money for the family. Mirror Group Newspapers denies libel.

The case continues.

Dancer 'too old at 34' claims unfair dismissal

By A Staff Reporter

A DANCER with the English National Ballet was sacked because he was too short and too old, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Darryl Norton, 34, a 5ft 7in soloist, was made to take a final bow by the new artistic director, Derek Deane, after 12 years with the company. He is claiming unfair dismissal.

The hearing was told that Mr Deane, a former senior principal dancer with the Royal Ballet who had performed with the world's leading ballerinas, told Mr Norton at a meeting in July 1993 that he had to improve.

He told him: "I want to bring young kids into the company. I am into youth, I am into bodies, I am into a certain type of look." Two months later Mr Norton, who became senior soloist in 1986, was told that his one-year contract would not be renewed and he left last year.

Norton: senior soloist

Mr Deane, who had not realised he was being tape-recorded, admitted that he had made the comments and added in evidence: "Dance is for the young. Some dancers have long careers but very few go beyond 30 or 40. I don't think his age was the biggest problem. But it was a factor."

When asked why he had dismissed Mr Norton, Mr Deane said: "There wasn't anything exceptional in his work."

Mr Norton performed solo roles in Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* at the Royal Festival Hall at Christmas 1993. He also played major roles in *Romeo and Juliet* and *Sleeping Beauty* in summer 1993. But Mr Deane had told him that he needed to improve virtually every aspect of his dancing.

Mr Norton, of Mitcham, south London, told the hearing in central London that he had no difficulty lifting ballerinas of similar height. He had hoped to continue dancing for another two years. "We weren't sure what Derek Deane wanted when he arrived and he made a variety of changes," Mr Norton said. "A lot of gifted dancers, I felt, were given the push." Judgment in the case was reserved.

Derby falls flat for corporate hosts

By Robin Young

THERE is likely to be a different crowd at the Derby this year. Many companies and public relations organisations that have traditionally taken parties to the midweek Derby, run until this year on a Wednesday, have abandoned the day out now that the event has been shifted to Saturday.

It is not only corporate hosts who prefer to do their racegoing in work hours rather than at the weekend.

Members of London's Garrick Club, who have in former years filled two open-topped buses for their Derby outing, were so disinclined to repeat the excursion this year that the plan has been abandoned.

Simon Marcantonio, spokesman for United Racecourses, which owns Epsom and took the decision to shift the flat's premier classic to a Saturday, insisted that the crowd attending the race would be as large and keen as ever.

"All 50 private boxes, at prices from £8,000 to £16,000 for the day, were sold before the end of February and the restaurant has been fully booked for Derby day since the beginning of March," he said. "They would not have been fully booked so early in previous years. It has simply not happened at all that there is any decline in the popularity of the event. When we made the change it was to make it more consumer friendly, and to give the Derby, the greatest race of the year, back to the people.

"Saturday is the day when most people have leisure to go to the races, and there is a mixture of private individuals and companies who are as keen as ever to entertain. There is still no better place to do it than Epsom on Derby day."

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Doctors threaten industrial action over pay deal

■ GPs believe that increasing demands by patients for out-of-hours care are harming the rest of the service. They want to be able to opt out of 24-hour cover, reports Jeremy Laurance

DOCTORS' leaders threatened industrial action over payments for night visits yesterday after GPs rejected by four to one the Government's latest offer.

In a move that could signal the end of the 24-hour service provided by family doctors, their leaders demanded that they be given an unconditional right to opt out of providing night cover. This could open the way to private medical companies or NHS trust hospitals tendering to run out-of-hours services.

In a postal ballot returned by 25,000 GPs — 77 per cent of the total — 83 per cent voted to reject the offer made by the Government to redistribute current payments. This would have amounted to £2,000 per GP per year plus £20 a night visit, regardless of whether this was carried out by the patient's GP or a deputy. In addition, £45 million would be provided to fund new out-of-hours arrangements. The British Medical Association had asked for £100 million. The Government said this was its final offer.

Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the general medical services committee of GPs within the BMA, said the "overwhelming" vote was a "damning verdict on the relations between the Government and family doctors". "The Government boasts that the NHS is changing to become a primary care-led service. How it can treat the people who are leading that change like this I do not know. GPs are drowning under paperwork, hidebound by bureaucracy and restricted by checks and balances that are insulting."

He said BMA leaders would make "one last effort" to resolve the dispute by negotiation but if that failed they would hold a ballot on industrial action. "If we have to pursue a sanctions route then the only way forward may be to move away from our existing [24-hour] contract," Dr Bogle said.

Doctors claim that the increasing demand of providing night cover is threatening the quality of the service they provide during the day. Night visits have increased five fold in the past 25 years and have doubled in the past three years. The British Medical Association says there is "no medical basis" for the increase and blames the growth of the 24-hour culture, with supermarkets open on Sundays, and the rise in consumerism fostered by government initiatives such as the Patient's Charter.

Doctors complain that they are receiving an increasing number of trivial night calls. Examples include patients who have run out of tampons or lost the key to the medicine cabinet. A BMA survey two years ago found that threequarters of GPs wanted to opt out of their night work altogether. Most reported that they were on duty at least one weekend in four and one night a week.

They argue that, for every two or three patients who benefit from a night visit, 20 or 30 get a substandard service from an overtired doctor in the surgery the next day. They also resent having to stay alert, and sober, in case a patient calls.

Increasing numbers have contracted out their night work to commercial deputising services. More than half of GPs in urban areas now use the services to do at least part of their out-of-hours work.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, argues that patients prefer a more personal service and has sought to limit the growth of deputising services. She says that visiting a family at a moment of crisis at home is an important part of continuing care, improves understanding and cements the doctor-patient relationship.

Bottomley: resists locums

In 1990 the Government introduced a two-tier night fee: if the patient's own GP or one working in a small rota makes the visit they are paid £47.85; if the visit is made by a deputising service or a GP in a larger rota the sum is £15.95.

However, since the new payments were introduced the bill for night visits has quadrupled to £82 million. Last May ministers annouced that they would rewrite the rules to make it clear that GPs could refuse to visit patients in their homes and give advice over the telephone or ask the patient to visit the surgery.

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Changing face of all-hours care: how social and domestic pressures undermine GP's traditional role

'Some people seem to think we're like dial-a-pizza'

By Lucy Berrington

THE traditional vision of the family doctor providing round-the-clock care has almost faded from the mind of many young inner-city GPs.

INNER CITY

Dr Paddy Glackin, 29, a partner in a fundholding practice in Kilburn, northwest London, said that night calls cost doctors and patients a good deal more than they gave. He said: "The most frightening thing, which happens when you're really tired, is that you start to feel under threat: 'If I don't sleep soon, I don't know what I'm going to do.' Then you hear somebody's going to hospital and for a second you think, 'Please God, maybe they'll die. Maybe they'll die and I won't have to go'."

Dr Glackin has already seen contemporaries drop out, physically and emotionally spent, in the few years since graduating from medical school. In two years, the vision that brought him to general practice has been blurred by tiredness and fear. When he is called out in the dark, he goes to one of the most deprived local authority wards in Britain, a maze of decaying 1960s tower blocks draped in nets to catch falling masonry. He passes crack cocaine dealers in stairwells and knows that a GP was flown to hospital after being stabbed in the chest in these flats.

He said: "You never sleep well on call. You can't relax. You've been working all night and it's two o'clock and you're wrecked. You've got everything settled, pull back the bed covers and the phone rings."

The interruptions inevitably reduce the quality of day care, he said. "Night calls are not fair to people who make appointments for ongoing conditions. You're shattered. You can handle day patients in a superficial way but it's difficult to give the concentration and effort they deserve. You lose an opportunity for health education or looking at the underlying causes."

Many of the call-outs are unnecessary, such as the recent summons in the early hours from a patient who had missed a daytime appointment and wanted a repeat prescription. "Some people think we're like dial-a-pizza," he said. "There's always things that could have waited, but you have a demanding or very anxious or melodramatic patient. Often you can in conscience just give telephone advice."

The most palatable option, he said, would be to direct night calls to a health centre operating a rota of up to 50 GPs. Every week one doctor would take a turn at night surgery and two would accept after-hours house calls.

The risk of assault adds to the hazards of night calls. Dr Glackin's colleagues, both women, delegated their night duties to locums after a patient threatened to throw one of them from an eighth-floor window. Even male GPs are targets. He dresses inconspicuously in a T-shirt, denim jacket and jeans, carrying a tenner as potential 'mugger money' and concealing his medical equipment.

"I phone first to get a rough idea what's going on, and put my stethoscope in my inside pockets. I try not to advertise the fact that I'm a doctor. I've got a prescription pad, and they're aware you have morphine and Valium. All these have street value. Plus there's a good chance you'll have money, credit cards, wallets. Doctors are sitting ducks."

Paddy Glackin fears muggers in city tower blocks; Alan Lloyd-Smith finds that rural visits are still rewarding

Offer of £20 'is an insult for saving a life'

DOCTORS at the Ivy Court practice in Tenterden, Kent, believe that night visits are an essential part of general practice (Jeremy Laurance writes).

They have resisted overtures to join a local cooperative of GPs to share the out-of-hours workload, preferring to make the visits themselves. The five partners in the practice are on call one night a week and one weekend in five.

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Dr Alan Lloyd-Smith said: "We realise ours is a minority view but we have always felt that we want to provide a complete primary care service. We have a direct, close relationship with our patients which they value and they respond by being nice and kind to us.

"Late at night a patient who is worried and unwell is at their most vulnerable. It is helpful to them to see someone familiar and the doctor has an opportunity during those few minutes to establish the relationship. It can be a formative moment for both of them and it may be repaid in the longer term when the patient remembers how they were dealt with at that time of crisis."

Dr Lloyd-Smith, who has been in practice for 17 years, said he often saw "real medicine" at night and dealt with genuine problems he could follow up later. "Picking up the pieces from other doctors can be confusing and lead to anger and distress for the patient," he said.

He acknowledged, however, that demands had grown. In the early 1980s he was called out of bed every third Tuesday. Now it is every other Tuesday.

"There are times when you have to bite your lip because you feel abused. But there are other times when it is exciting and you are able to help someone a lot, and that is very rewarding.

"When you are driving round on visits late at night and you have a busy day ahead it can be difficult. But my view is the benefits outweigh the disadvantages."

Dr Lloyd-Smith said he had voted against the Government's offer of a flat payment of £2,000 a year plus £20 a visit because it was an insult. However, he would continue to make night visits even if nothing was paid for them.

"If you are called by a terrified patient and drive 10 or 15 miles maybe on a winter night and you have to make a decision there and then that may save their life, £20 is an insult for that."

Early starts disrupt family routine

Dr Penny Schofield

FOUR thousand patients in Newcastle are served by the GP practice run by Dr Penny Schofield and a female partner. Dr Schofield is married to a GP and has four children, aged six to eleven (Emma Wilkins writes).

Her normal hours are 8.30am to 6.30pm. One day a week she is on call for an additional 5½ hours until midnight, and two or three mornings a week she is on call from 7am, when the deputising service ends.

WOMEN

The morning calls cause most problems for Dr Schofield, 47. "It's quite disruptive of the family because it's just at the time when the children are getting ready for school and my husband is setting off for work," she said. "It can get pretty hectic and it is tempting to try to get people to wait until surgery starts.

"Because my husband is a GP, too, and has to do one night till midnight, that means the children are without one of us for two nights a week."

She is not worried about her personal safety on night calls, but her car has been vandalised several times. "When I am inside someone's house and it is a rough area, I do worry about the car and it can be difficult to concentrate."

Dr Schofield, who qualified 19 years ago, is trying to teach patients that many symptoms can be cured without calling out a doctor. "The most irritating call is the one that comes just after surgery has closed from a parent worried about a child with a sore throat. They leave it until after surgery because they think that will mean a doctor comes to their house, gives them a prescription and solves the problem.

"We are now trying to educate patients that many symptoms do not need a doctor there; they can be solved over the telephone."

Late finishes prompted job switch

Dr Chris Williams

DR CHRIS WILLIAMS is a full-time duty doctor at Healthcall, which provides after-hours and weekend coverage for GPs. After leaving a GP partnership two years ago, Dr Williams chose to work for the service because it provides regular work with shifts that end at a fixed time (Emma Wilkins writes).

"I left general practice because I was getting increasingly frustrated at the amount of extra time we were being required to work out of hours," he said. "Now I choose to work 12-hour shifts from 7pm to 7am and I know for certain that I do not need to work beyond that."

LOCUMS

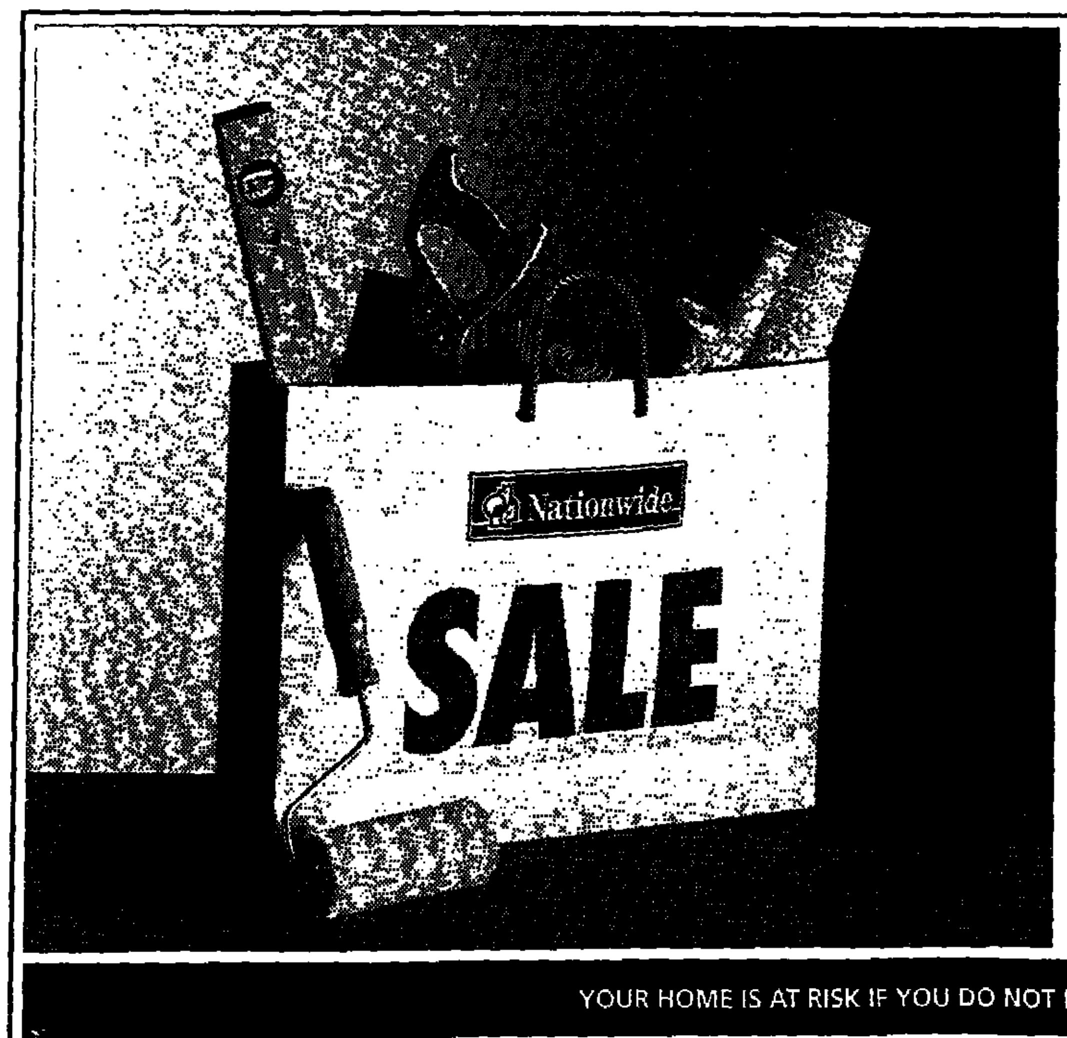
The arrangement means he is able to fulfil outside commitments: He works voluntarily for a hospice near his home in Billericay, Essex, and develops his specialist interest in rheumatology.

Dr Williams, 39, who earns more than £40,000 a year for a 48-hour week, said the duty doctor role had some disadvantages. "The main problem is that you don't know the patients terribly well. Often they say all the details of their condition are in their notes, which you don't have.

"The only information you have is what the patient tells you and if they are in severe pain they may not remember, for example, that the last time they had an injection it caused an allergic reaction."

Some callers do not require emergency treatment and telephone the out-of-hours service for no reason, Dr Williams said. "There are some oddball callers who ring up in the middle of the night just for the sake of it. But there are abusers of all systems."

The most common emergency calls recently have been from patients worried about meningitis. "People want reassurance that their aches and pains are not meningitis, and who can blame them — that is what we are here for."



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Psychologists voice concern over how much television toddlers are exposed to alone

Watch with mother a rare treat for pre-school children

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN MAYES

Oliver Gross, 2, reacts to *Sesame Street*: children have been found to recognise programmes at an early age

CHILDREN aged two and three years old watch more than 18 hours of television a week and do 80 per cent of their viewing without an adult in the room, according to new research.

The first comprehensive survey into the viewing habits of British pre-school children also shows that children learn to discriminate between programmes at an early age.

While just 27 per cent of two to three-year-olds select the programmes they watch themselves, the figure rises to 54 per cent by the time they reach the age of four.

Mike Gull, sales controller of the breakfast station GMTV, which commissioned the research, said that the findings also suggested that differences determined by sex emerged early.

"As a rule of thumb, we found that girls are prepared to watch programmes aimed at boys, such as *Goof Troop* and *Power Rangers*, but boys do not like so-called girls' programmes such as *Little Mermaid*," he said.

According to the research, 78 per cent of mothers of pre-school children said that they often used the television to occupy their child while they did other things. "Television seems to have become a kind of electronic babysitter," Mr Gull said. "The concept of 'watching with mother' is something of a luxury for mothers today. There is very little difference between working and non-working women."

Child psychologists yesterday expressed concern about the amount of viewing toddlers do on their own.

Professor Charles Desforges, a child psychologist at Exeter University's education department, said: "Two and three-year-olds are phenomenally good listeners and are learning language in a very sophisticated way. But they do this best in a social context and it's not good for them to spend large amounts of time on their own."

Professor Rudolph Schaffer, a developmental psychologist at the University of Strathclyde, said: "The most productive use of television at that age is in turning it into a social dialogue. There ought to be an adult there to talk to the children about what is going on."

The GMTV research was based on viewing diaries kept by the mothers of 250 two to three-year-olds during two weeks last December. It was supplemented by information from a survey of children aged five to 11.

GMTV is now setting up a panel of viewers, including 500 children aged two to 15, to research their viewing habits. The information will be used by advertisers promoting children's toys.

"We wanted to be able to say to the toy industry, this is how many kids of a certain age are watching different programmes," Mr Gull said.

ITV accounts for by far the biggest share of toddlers' viewing: 35 per cent compared with 14 per cent for the BBC1.

"ITV shows more cartoons than the BBC and that is what two and three-year-olds prefer to watch. It's not until they get older that children start appreciating live action things such as *Grange Hill* on the BBC," Mr Gull said.

The survey also found that nearly 20 per cent of all viewing by pre-school children was of pre-recorded videos. Fifty-seven per cent of two and three-year-olds were able to put on their favourite videos without help from an adult.

There have been no previous attempts scientifically to monitor the television habits of pre-school children as the traditional television ratings compiled by the Broadcasting Audience Research Board start with viewers aged four.

Turkish frigate's shell lands near tug

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Royal Navy was investigating yesterday how a Turkish warship on exercise fired a shell close to a British tug instead of the target it was towing.

The exercise, off Portland, Dorset, was immediately halted after the Turkish frigate *Barbaros* fired a shell which landed near the Royal Maritime Auxiliary Service tug, *Adept*.

The tug had been towing a wooden target at a distance of 1,500 yards. A Royal Navy spokesman said the target was painted iridescent yellow at the top and carried a radar reflector to make it clearly visible to the human eye and on radar screens.

He said: "The *Barbaros* fired two salvos of inert practice ammunition from a range of five to six miles. The rounds landed successfully and safely around the target, but then one round fell outside the expected area.

"Safety is of paramount importance so firing was immediately stopped. We have conflicting statements about how close to the tug the shell fell."

Cricketers line up to acquire better eye for the ball

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE batting success of the England cricket captain Michael Atherton, whose sparkling 81 yesterday in the first Test at Headingley continued his good form, is being attributed by some to exercises designed to improve his visual sharpness.

At the beginning of the season Lancashire County Cricket Club called in Dr Ken West, a visual expert, who put the players through a series of tests. Cricketers more used to calisthenics and slip-catch practice were asked to focus on a sheet of paper rotating at 33rpm on a record turntable, and try to read the letters on it.

Dr West, an American living in South Africa, believes that the 14 muscles of the eye are at least as deserving of exercise as those of the rest of the body. According to David Lloyd, Lancashire's coach, the exercises are working. "The players are very positive about it," he said yesterday. "It's not the be-all and end-all, but we've tried something new and it worked." Among other tests Dr West carried out was one to determine eye-dominance.

Lloyd: exercises worked

The Lancashire batsman John Crawley, for example, is left-eye dominant, which makes him favour shots to the leg side. A right-eye dominant batsman favours the off side. Now that he has learnt that fact about himself, Crawley is making a conscious effort to allow for it by turning the head when he plays shots to the off. He is also doing exercises to strengthen his right eye. Crawley's efforts seem to be paying off: he scored 182 in the County Championship match against Glamorgan yesterday.

Dr West is credited with helping the South African batsman Daryll Cullinan, a prodigy when he first burst on the first-class scene at the age of 16. Dr West found he was an esophore, somebody whose eyes slant slightly inwards, which is an advantage when trying to focus on a cricket ball. In most of us, the eyes tend to slant slightly outwards.

But, under pressure, adrenalin can cause an esophore's eyes to converge too much, Dr West believes. Such people can be brilliant in the nets but less effective when it really matters. Cullinan had lost his batting form, but after advice from Dr West is now playing well again.

Atherton did outstandingly well on the eye tests and Ray Illingworth, the England manager, has said that he may call in Dr West to examine the England team.

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Vasectomy advice 'issued too late'

BY RICHARD DUCE

HEALTH Department advice to doctors that vasectomies might not lead to permanent sterilisation was not introduced until seven years after a woman unexpectedly conceived a son, the High Court was told yesterday.

Isobel Danns, 42, and her husband Roy, 46, who had a vasectomy in 1983, are suing the department for negligence because they say that they should have been told the operation could reverse itself. John Cartwright, representing the couple, claims that the risk of a failed vasectomy was made clear only on a new operation consent form introduced in 1992.

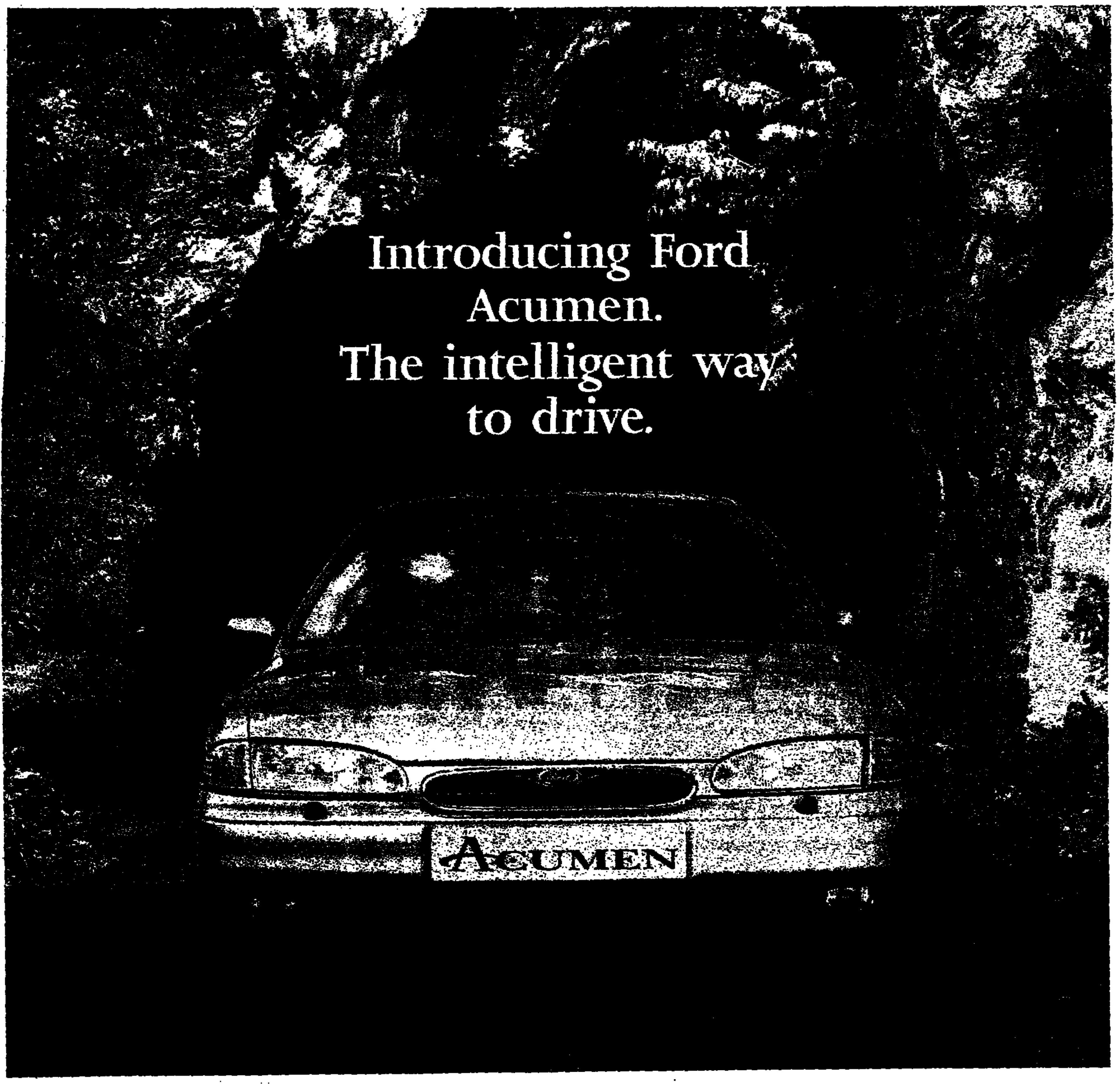
Dr Kenneth Calman, the Government's Chief Medical Officer since 1991, yesterday gave evidence in the case, seen as a test of the public's right to know about medical research. He said that the department was aware of research in 1984, published in the *British Medical Journal*, which showed that a vasectomy could reverse itself in one in 2,000 cases. The Handbook of Contraceptive Practice, issued to GPs that year, said the success of a vasectomy could never be guaranteed, he said. The next issue of the handbook, distributed in 1990, said success could not be permanently guaranteed.

Dr Calman said that it had been known in the medical profession as long ago as 1973 that vasectomies could fail. He estimated that 80 per cent of GPs were members of the British Medical Association and would receive a free copy each week of the *BMJ*. Soundings on new published medical research had to be taken before new guidelines were issued to doctors.

Mrs Danns, of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, says that she would have been sterilised after the birth of her sons Andrew, 15, and Keith, 14, if she had known that her husband's vasectomy could fail. She gave birth to Jordan, their third son, in 1991.

The department says that such a claim, if successful, would lead to vast amounts of money being spent informing the public about general medical developments.

The hearing continues.



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Graduates failing to make the most of better job prospects

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

THE recession in the graduate jobs market is over, but campuses still lack the "feel-good" factor that would encourage students to make the most of their improved opportunities, university careers officers reported yesterday.

Statistics published today show conditions beginning to improve a year ago, as almost half of the old universities' graduates went straight into jobs. The trend has accelerated in recent months, with large companies raising recruitment targets and returning to the "milk round" of campus interviews. For the first time in five years, the number of openings for graduates is rising faster than the numbers leaving higher education. Although 12 per cent more graduates will be competing for jobs this summer, a national vacancies survey to be published later this month is expected to show an even bigger increase.

At least 40 per cent of traditional graduate recruiters are planning to take more trainees this year, but careers officers have found students slow to react to the change. Many complete their degrees before weighing up their options. Keith Dugdale, the Director of Manchester University's careers service, said: "Students' expectations are depressed at a time when all the economic signs show a welcome improvement. The jobs are out there but, like consumers and retail spending, the graduates don't have the confidence to go for them."

Manchester has run a dozen focus groups to test students' perceptions of their employment prospects. All expected conditions to be just as tough as at the height of the recession, despite evidence of more opportunities in information technology and other fields.

John Exworthy, head of Southampton University's careers service, said students tended to be at least a year behind the times in their view of the market. "At the start of the recession, they were going blithely on as if nothing had happened, and it is the same now that we are emerging."

A five-year survey of the milk round conducted by Mr Exworthy has shown employers choosing their visits more carefully. Although overall numbers have declined again this year, Manchester University has hosted 140 companies in the present academic year — a 10 per cent improvement on 1993-1994.

The Times guide to postgraduate places

UNIVERSITIES and colleges are providing almost 800 new postgraduate courses this autumn to cope with surging demand (John O'Leary writes). Up to a quarter of students graduating this month are expected to take higher degrees or to start professional training.

Throughout next week, *The Times* will pinpoint the programmes that still have vacancies. More than 6,700 courses will feature in subject-by-subject listings. Demand is so high that 324 courses have been withdrawn from next week's listing because they are already full.

The numbers taking postgraduate courses have risen by two thirds during the 1990s as students have sought an edge in the jobs market. More than 22,000 graduates in the old universities alone went on to further study or training last year and another increase is expected this autumn.

TIM CUFF

The retired bishops, Richard Rutt, left, and Conrad Meyer, right, with the Bishop of Plymouth after their ordination

Former Anglican bishops turn to Rome

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

TWO retired Anglican bishops, both married, were ordained as Roman Catholic priests yesterday at Buckfast Abbey, Devon. Special permission from Rome was needed for the ordination of Father Conrad Meyer, former Bishop of Dorchester, and Father Richard Rutt, former Bishop of Leicester.

The ceremony does not indicate any softening of the Vatican line on priestly celibacy, which will remain the norm for the foreseeable future. But celibacy will not be demanded of the two priests.

The Catholic Church is awaiting final approval from Rome before it decides how married clergy can best be deployed. Father Rutt and Father Meyer will live as retired Catholic priests, available to give help in their local parishes and occasionally further afield.

Father Meyer, 72, said: "There are really no negative sides to this situation, no criticisms and no theological thunderbolts to be hurled." He said he believed the Catholic Church was "the representative of the body founded by Jesus Christ. I value very much the recognition by the Catholic Church of the ministry that I was privileged to exercise in my Anglican days."

The Right Rev Christopher Budd, Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, said: "I was pleased that the Vatican gave permission for the ordination. The diocese will benefit from their extensive pastoral experience."

Beetles make a meal of invader

By Michael Hornsby

AN IMPORTED worm that is threatening the ground beneath our feet may have found its nemesis in the native British beetle.

Until now the New Zealand flatworm, which consumes native earthworms, was thought to have no natural predator in Britain and to be unstoppable in its gradual spread through the country.

However, scientists at the Institute of Cell, Animal and Population Biology at Edinburgh University have found by chance that the larvae of some common beetles will feed on the alien.

Derek Cosens and colleagues at the institute made the discovery while carrying out experiments which involved staining the flatworms red and green. "We released them into a controlled allotment area," Dr Cosens said. "We were surprised later to find beetle larvae that had also turned red and green, which meant they must have eaten the flatworms."

Wildlife experts caution that it is too early to say that the intruder's days are numbered. Andrew Halstead, chief entomologist at the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, Surrey, said: "We do not know how effective the beetle larvae are in the wild where they have a choice of many other things to eat."

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Former champion awarded £90 derisory damages as judge regrets case was ever brought to court

Pyrrhic (17 points) victory costs Scrabble ace £8,000

By Joe Joseph

MICHAEL Goldman, a 62-year-old Scrabble whizz who felt robbed of victory in a tournament because he was allowed too little time to visit the lavatory between games, won damages of £90 yesterday from the competition's organisers.

It was a deliberately derisory fraction of the £5,000 Mr Goldman was seeking, handed out by a judge who said he was forced to accept that Scrabble aroused strong passions but deemed it "lamentable that this case ever came to court".

The defendants — three officials of the amateur Association of Premier Scrabble Players, all "surprised and disappointed with the result" — sat through the case apparently no more bewildered than Alice when she passed through the looking glass. The lawyers, while grateful for the income, seemed bemused.

Although costs were awarded to Mr Goldman, they were awarded on the lowest possible scale. So this former national Scrabble champion and author of *Play Better Scrabble* will find that pyrrhic is not just a useful seven-letter word (17 points) but the sort of victory that leaves you painfully out of pocket.

His own costs were about £10,000, he told a swarm of journalists outside the Central London County Court — who had come to gawp at him the way disbelieving Victorians once gawped at those improbable exhibits in travelling circuses — and he expected to get only 20 or 30 per cent back? Had it been worth it?

"I'm not a wealthy person but for £8,000 it was worth it. You can't value everything in money. I was only concerned with the principle." And was victory after a 4½-year tussle sweet? "I don't consider it a victory because I was too scared of losing. I consider it a relief." A few celebrations? "I can't afford to celebrate," said the solicitor from Maida Vale, northwest London.

Surely, Mr Goldman, you must have felt a bit foolish when Judge Hallgarten, QC, called the four-day lawsuit "wholly out of proportion to the issue involved" and then rubbed in salt by saying of the sum he reluctantly awarded: "I think this is the lowest award I have ever made." Mr Goldman, who regarded Scrabble as his "principal pleasurable past-time" didn't feel foolish: "It was my right to bring the action."

Mr Goldman's beef was that at the competition, in the Hotel Burstin, Folkestone, in December 1990, he lost four crucial minutes of a match when, to his fury, his clock began ticking while he was visiting the lavatory: his trip had been prolonged by queues for a cubicle and a Wild West convention. Each player in the tournament was allowed 25 minutes to score.

He returned to find that his opponent, John Rusted, had begun the game and taken about three minutes to score a whopping 76 points with the word 'fanners', using all his letters, before pressing the timer. It was another four minutes before Mr Goldman returned, leaving him only 21 scoring minutes. He ended up losing the game to his lower-ranking opponent by 26 points. All this took, as the judge noted drily, 46 pages of pleadings, 51 pages of witness statements and over 200 pages of documentation.

Judge Hallgarten described Mr Goldman as a man of "perhaps disproportionately strong feelings", but felt: "He had a legitimate claim and I must be careful not to make a value judgment about the game of Scrabble ... the participants should have been granted a reasonable break to relieve themselves".

Boxing Day squabbles over triple-word scores may never be the same again.

SIMON WALKER

Mr Goldman talking after the verdict. He will have to pay about £8,000 of his costs but "it was worth it"

MEDICAL BRIEFING

How to breathe life into babies

MOUTH-TO-MOUTH respiration saves lives and is particularly rewarding when the life it saves is that of a child. In that instance it has the added advantage to the doctor of being much less messy than when the patient is an old tramp in the street.

I still feel a sense of pride when I catch sight of a Norfolk farm labourer, by now nearly middle-aged, as he works in the fields. When he was a very small baby, he was abandoned as dead.

Parents have been taught that the best way to apply mouth-to-mouth respiration is to cover their baby's nose and mouth with their own mouth. Splendid advice if the mother's mouth is large enough to cover both orifices with a tight seal.

However, *The Lancet* has recently reported that research workers in New Zealand, funded by Auckland University and the New Zealand Cot Death Association, have found that only two out of 25 women tested can achieve this.

The association recommends that when resuscitating a small child the nose should be used rather than the mouth, or mouth and nose. A baby's tongue so fills its mouth in the first few months that it makes a very poor airway and renders mouth-to-mouth resuscitation less successful than mouth to nose.

Whether it is a child or an adult who is being resuscitated, the trick is to keep the head tilted well backwards, with the neck extended, and to hold the jaw well forward, which opens up the airways. The mouth and the airways must always be checked to see that there is no obstruction before resuscitation starts.

Whereas in adults a wide, even blind, sweep of the inside of the cheeks, mouth and throat is justified to make certain that nothing is lodged in the throat, in children this is not recommended. However, any object which can be seen should be carefully removed. Frequently, if other measures have failed to dislodge an obstruction, it may come out more easily as the child suffers from lack of oxygen and the muscles relax.

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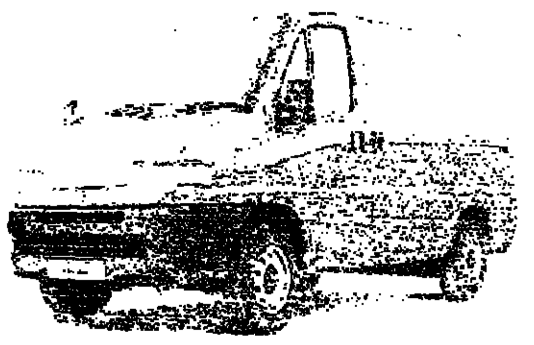

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Kingsdown report

British businesses want single currency that works

By Nicholas Wood, chief political correspondent

BRITAIN'S interests would be best served by joining a single currency if its European partners go ahead with the project in 1999, the Kingsdown report on economic and monetary union concludes.

It concedes that devising a single currency is fraught with difficulty but suggests that the relevance of such technical questions — which include the achievement of the five convergence criteria of low inflation and interest rates, stable exchange rates, and small budget deficits and public debt — is outweighed by the lack of more attractive options to standing apart from EMU.

The report's third main conclusion is that the drive for a single currency among the core states of the European Union cannot be divorced from their quest for closer European integration. British rejection of a single currency would mark a deeper breach with its continental partners.

It agrees with the Eurosceptics that a single currency has political consequences by, for instance, foreshadowing much greater economic integration of the European economies and the pooling of political decision-making. But, unlike the sceptics, it does not rejoice in the prospect of a Britain "marginalised" from a more tightly knit Community.

Finally, the report concludes that the British opt-out from stage three of EMU, negotiated by John Major at Maastricht, has postponed sensible debate in Britain on the merits of EMU.

The report, *The Kingsdown Enquiry*, has been drawn up by a working party of 17 economists, businessmen and politicians chaired by Lord Kingsdown, formerly Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England. The group, which began work in January, took evidence from a variety of experts.

Among the working party were Quentin Davies and Tim Renton, both pro-European Tory MPs, Graham Bishop of Salomon Brothers, Sir Michael Butler of Hambros Bank, and Professor Richard Portes of the London Business School.

The report was published by Action Centre for Europe, a pro-European organisation supported by individual and business subscribers, which has the former Chancellor Lord Howe of Aberavon as its president and Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, David Hunt, the Public Service Minister, and Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, on its governing council. The three serving ministers played no part in drawing up the report.

The report says: "The balance of the evidence and of the arguments which we have heard seems to weigh clearly in favour of the case for British participation in EMU. Most of the evidence we heard from the business community gave a clear answer: if there is a monetary union, and if it works, it is in Britain's interest to be part of it.

"They tended to argue that inflation and interest rates were likely to be lower if Britain joined an EMU run on Bundesbank lines than if it remained outside: that British access to the single market was likely to be strengthened if we were inside, and might conceivably be jeopardised if we were outside: that monetary union seemed to promise those infinitely desirable business commodities, stability and predictability; and that, in the most general terms, the British economy and British business were likely to be at a disadvantage if a monetary union were formed by others and Britain remained outside."

> ‘If Britain stays out there is a real risk it will become increasingly marginalised’

However, the report admits that some economists gave warning that monetary union "may not work well". The working party was told either that the Maastricht formula for EMU might turn out to be a "bad system" because, for instance, it failed to give extra freedom on tax and spending to offset the loss of exchange rate and monetary flexibility. Alternatively, "bad behaviour" by one or more of the countries involved could destabilise the system.

But the report suggests that the prospect of such inevitable "teething difficulties" are not of decisive importance. "They [economists] may be stressing the dangers unduly. It is really not too difficult to pick holes in a plan for monetary union which has no practical precdent. What the sceptical economists need to do, as the debate develops, is to weigh their professional misgivings in the balance of the real politico-economic alternatives facing Britain.

"In particular, they have to weigh the risks and uncertainties of EMU against the known drawbacks of the present situation . . . We have to keep in mind that leading member states of the EU, with long track records of economic management far more successful than Britain's, are politically committed to monetary union.

"Are we to believe that they have engaged themselves frivolously and ignorantly in a senseless adventure which is bound to go wrong? Are we to suppose that, if defects arise, they will not subsequently take steps to remedy the system in the light of experience . . .

"We must obviously give all due weight to the expert arguments on the pros and cons of the plan for EMU . . . But the critical considerations will be political. Does Britain want to stay close, and get closer, to its main . . . partners in Europe? Or does it want to stand aside, and in some fundamental sense, separate itself from them?

"If a handful of advanced . . . states decides to go ahead to form a monetary union, it seems all too likely that they will form a political inner core of the EU, which is likely to become increasingly integrated in many fields, not just monetary union. If Britain stays outside, there must be a real risk that Britain could become increasingly marginalised."

Britain should not renounce its opt-out from the final stage of EMU. But if it is to keep all options open, a public debate is needed now.

☐ *The Kingsdown Enquiry* (Action Centre for Europe, 39 St James's Place, London SW1)

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Time for the Pro-European Tories to end their silence

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Tory truce over Europe never lasts for long. Nor should it. Britain's relations with the European Union are too important to be brushed aside until external pressures force them onto the agenda. After the upsurge of in-fighting four months ago, the pro-Europeans and the sceptics have had an armed truce, at least ahead of the writing of the Tory manifesto. A negotiating position for the inter-governmental conference has been broadly agreed, while monetary union has been left an open question. Consequently, some of the Cabinet's pro-Europeans were annoyed by the public airing of the differences yesterday with the publication of the Kingsdown report on the implications of monetary union.

The pro-Europeans have in the past sought to depict the sceptics as disruptive. They fear that the tables will now be turned and the sceptics will seek to push government policy more in their direction. For instance, John Major went further than before in arguing that the conditions might never be right for British participation in any European single currency.

But the pro-Europeans have weakened themselves by their reluctance to argue their case publicly. Discretion seldom wins political battles. The non-Cabinet pros have at last come out fighting against the tide of Euro-scepticism. They have no shortage of generals and colonels (some admittedly on the retired list), but do they have the troops?

The Kingsdown report was produced by Action Centre for Europe, a largely Tory group with backing from the business and ex-Foreign Office establishment. It was the third such initiative in as many days. On Tuesday, the Federal Trust enthusiastically endorsed monetary union, and on Wednesday the European Movement, now chaired by Labour's Giles Radice, held a news conference to demonstrate the all-party nature of the fight-back against the sceptics.

The main parties offer a mirror image of each other, and of the position in the 1970s. On the Tory side, the pro-Europeans are predominantly from the older generation, including several MPs who are retiring, such as Tim Renton and Sir Peter Hordern. The young and the ambitious tend to be more on the sceptical wing. By contrast, it is fashionable to be pro-European in the Labour Party. Most of the antis are veterans from the battles of the past 20 years like Peter Shore and Nigel Spearing, though on economic issues supplemented by critics of the Blair-Brown line like Peter Hain and Roger Berry.

The Tory pro-Europeans have been cowed by the rise of the sceptics since the Maastricht battles two years ago. Apart from occasional robust interventions from Kenneth Clarke and, in a more restrained form from Douglas Hurd, the Cabinet pro-Europeans have been mainly quiet. Among middle-ranking and junior ministers, Tim Eggar and Ian Taylor have been virtually alone in going public with their views. Similarly, on the back benches, only a handful of pro-Europeans have made any impact. Apart from former MPs like Lord Howe, few have been willing to engage in the debate about the merits of a single currency as Norman Lamont, for example, has in series of weighty speeches.

Yet a substantial majority of all MPs are broadly pro-European. There was always, for example, a big underlying majority for the Maastricht Bill, and depending on the terms, there might also a majority, albeit a smaller one, for Britain to join a single currency. The Tory pro-Europeans, especially those in Government, have made a mistake in being largely silent over the past two years. They have allowed the sceptics to take the initiative. Instead of being embarassed by the Kingsdown report, the pro-Europeans should publicly welcome it and start campaigning — otherwise they might as well admit defeat.

PETER RIDDELL

Women MPs trail foreign sisters

By Alice Thomson
political reporter

BRITAIN has a smaller proportion of women MPs than many Third World countries including Vietnam, Iraq and Bangladesh, according to Unicef. It also fares badly against other industrialised nations, coming 18th in a list of 22.

In its annual report, *The Progress of Nations*, Unicef found that Britain lagged far behind most of the world with only 9 per cent of MPs being women. Spain, Italy and Ireland all had a higher percentage. Sweden was top of the list with 42 per cent.

The report sets out league tables ranking countries according to their progress for children and women on health, education and family planning. Among the Third World nations, Vietnam (19 per cent), Iraq (11 per cent) and Angola, Bangladesh and Burundi (all 10 per cent) had a higher proportion of women parliamentarians than Britain. In South Africa, one of the world's youngest democracies, 25 per cent of the MPs are women — the highest proportion of any developing nation. Of the industrialised countries, only Australia, France, Greece and Japan have a smaller proportion of women in Parliament than Britain. Japan is bottom of the list with 3 per cent.

Clare Short, Shadow Minister for Women, said the report vindicated Labour's decision to choose candidates from women-only shortlists in many constituencies. "You only have to look at the House of Commons to see it wasn't selected on merit. People look at our Parliament and they despise it because it is full of arrogant, out-of-touch men. Labour is the only party trying to change that perception."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to agriculture and fisheries ministers and the Prime Minister were followed by debates on proposed disclosure of select committee papers relating to the Maxwell affair; orders on the European Union; and co-operation agreements with Russia and Ukraine. *In the Lords:* debates on the Home Energy Conservation Bill, third reading; Criminal Appeals Bill, committee stage; Carers (Recognition of Services) Bill.

TODAY in the Commons: debate on the drugs White Paper. The House of Lords is not sitting.

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Republicans move to end long death row appeals

Senators approve tough anti-terrorist legislation

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE US Senate has approved a sweeping anti-terrorism Bill in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing that also includes the most drastic restriction ever imposed on appeals by death row inmates.

Senators approved the legislation by 91 votes to eight on Wednesday night, despite serious misgivings about a Republican amendment limiting most death row inmates to a single appeal in a federal court to be filed within a year of conviction.

This provision would mean most death penalties being carried out within two years of sentencing. The 3,000 prisoners on America's death rows survive an average of eight to ten years before being executed, and some have kept the appeals process going as long as 20. This Bill would allow a second appeal only in exceptional circumstances, including the discovery of convincing new evidence that could not have been found during the first trial. Senator Edward Kennedy said it was wrong to "sneak" this provision into an "anti-terrorism Bill that all of us want to pass as quickly and as responsibly as we can", and that the Oklahoma City bombers "will have triumphed if their actions prompt us to short-circuit the Constitution".

President Clinton, who dropped his objections to the provision on Monday, welcomed the passage of the broader Bill, saying it would "give law enforcement officers the tools it needs to do everything possible to prevent this kind of tragedy [the Oklahoma bomb in April] from happening again".

If, as expected, the House of Representatives passes similar legislation, the Bill would make it easier for law enforcement officers to bug telephones and obtain credit card, travel and hotel records. Some civil libertarians claim this tramples on individual rights. It would increase the penalties for terrorist crimes, require traceable materials called taggants in explosive materials, and finance the hiring of 1,000 new anti-terrorist officers. It would ban fundraising in America by those with terrorist links and make their deportation easier.

The House, meanwhile, rejected by 217 votes to 201 a Republican effort to repeal the 1973 War Powers Act, dealing a rare defeat to Newt Gingrich, the Speaker. The Act was passed over President Nixon's veto as America was involved in the Vietnam War. It was designed to limit a president's ability to send troops into combat by requiring him to obtain congressional approval within 60 days of their deployment.

Every president has considered the Act unconstitutional and refused to recognise it. Mr Gingrich argued that the president's powers to protect America's national security needed strengthening and might have prevailed, had the House not been so alarmed by Mr Clinton's recent hints of greater involvement in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In another development, Mr Clinton has endorsed the recommendations of a bipartisan congressional commission that would cut legal immigration to America by a third. The President's move puts him in tune with the high anti-immigrant sentiment among Americans, although certain core Democratic constituencies were upset by it.

The commission said admission of legal immigrants' immediate family members should be accelerated, but ended for brothers, sisters and adult children. It also recommended an end to the employment of unskilled foreign workers. If adopted by Congress, where initial reaction was favourable, the legislation would cut the annual ceiling for immigration from about 800,000 to 550,000.

Babies suffocate while mother is at party

Jennie Bain, whose baby sons Devon, above, and Dustin died when they were left for up to ten hours in a parked car as the temperature outside reached 32°

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS
IN MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

TWO children died after spending up to ten hours in a car parked outside a motel in hot weather while their mother met friends for a party.

Dustin Ducker, one, and his brother, Devon, who would have been two next month, died of dehydration and suffocation after being strapped in their car seats with the windows rolled up as temperatures outside reached 32°, police said.

No charges have been brought against the mother, Jennie Bain, 20, who appeared to be drunk. Police have not released the findings of a blood alcohol test. "I don't think she realises what's going on," a police spokesman said. Police believe she went to the motel around 3:30am. "Our investigation shows the kids were left unattended from eight to ten hours," the spokesman said.

Bill Locke, the District Attorney, said he may present the case to a grand jury for further investigation. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Warren County Sheriff's Department are also investigating the case.

Witnesses at the motel told police they saw Ms Bain return periodically to the parked car.

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Reagan continues his 'long goodbye'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

A FEW weeks ago former President Reagan, who has Alzheimer's disease, saw the White House on television and could not remember having lived there.

A little later he attended a private dinner in his honour at a Los Angeles restaurant. The room burst into applause as he was leaving, but Mr Reagan could not comprehend that it was for him. He only registered when his wife, Nancy, gently turned him round to acknowledge the ovation, by which time his friends were tearful.

Mr Reagan announced last November that he had Alzheimer's and was beginning "the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life", since when he has stopped all public appearances and his friends and family have built a protective wall around him.

Just occasionally the wall is breached, seemingly with official sanction. In January Edmund Morris, Mr Reagan's biographer, wrote in *The New Yorker* that the former President, 84, had ceased to recognise him and "I no longer recognise him ... For all the intimate familiarity of that face and body, for all the willingness with which he showed me his framed photographs, his jelly-bean jar and his view of the Hollywood hills, I did not feel his presence beside me, only his absence."

Yesterday it was *The Washington Post's* turn. Quoting unidentified friends of Mr Reagan, it reported that he remained "physically vigorous but mentally on a gentle roller coaster of good days and bad days".

The *Post* reported that the "Gipper" still goes to his Los Angeles office from 10am to 3pm each day and plays golf once a week.

He still looks fit, but he has grown increasingly dependent on Nancy, who said recently that the families of Alzheimer's victims needed support "because for the caregiver, it's a long goodbye".

Baseball legend has liver transplant

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

MICKEY MANTLE, the revered baseball star, underwent an operation yesterday to replace his liver, which was destroyed by a history of alcoholism almost as legendary as his prowess on the field.

As American fans waited to hear the outcome of the operation on one of baseball's most adored, talented and debauched heroes, messages of admiration poured in. "I grew up cheering him every day," Rudolph Giuliani, New York's Mayor, said.

Mr Mantle, 63, was admitted to a Dallas hospital on May 28 suffering from cirrhosis of the liver caused by four decades of heavy drinking. The star player for the New York Yankees in the 1950s and 1960s, who still holds the record for World Series home runs, Mr Mantle was subsequently found to be suffering from liver cancer and hepatitis. Doctors said he had just weeks to live unless a liver donor could be found.

Patients must wait an average of 130 days for a liver transplant in America, but in Mr Mantle's case a suitable organ was located within days of his diagnosis and surgery went ahead yesterday.

The baseball player often said that he expected to die young because no male member of his family had survived past the age of 41.

Mantle: set a record for World Series home runs

Nasa told how to give woodpeckers the bird

BY ANJANA AHUJA

SUGGESTIONS from the bizarre to the brutal have flooded in to Nasa from people eager to prevent a woodpecker from delaying the multibillion-dollar American space programme.

The ideas came after the 21st launch of the shuttle *Discovery* and the testing of a redesigned engine had to be postponed because a yellow-shafted flicker woodpecker had pecked more than 75 holes in the insulating foam around the fuel tank, apparently in the search for a place to mate. The shuttle, which should have lifted off yesterday from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, had to be wheeled back into its hangar at a cost of $100,000 (£62,893).

Practical suggestions sent from around the world to Steve Altemus, the space agency's test director, included painting the tanks blue, which is apparently loathed by woodpeckers, using jet engines to engineer a draft above the tanks, knocking out the birds with stun guns, and draping protective nets over the shuttle.

More innovative remedies included boiling cabbage and spraying the water onto the tanks, sprinkling vulnerable areas with racoon scent, and using a shaman to summon helpful spirits. One writer felt the problem could be handled with a well-aimed rifle, ruled out because the launch pad is in a nature reserve.

For now, the responsibility for protecting the shuttle has fallen to several strategically placed plastic owls and a high-pitched siren. Mr Altemus has joined ornithologists to form the Bird Investigation Review and Deterrent team (Bird) to investigate humane but effective ways of keeping away the shuttle's feathered intruders.

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London and Paris agree to withdraw troops unless they gain unimpeded access to 'safe areas'

Serbs must back off or British will quit before winter

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN *and* France have *decided that*, unless the Serbs agree by August at the latest to allow United Nations troops in Bosnia to carry out their mandate without being shot at and obstructed, they will withdraw their peacekeeping forces before winter.

Speaking at a meeting of Nato defence ministers, alliance sources said the Serbs had one last chance to cooperate with the UN. "We are not going to stay another winter in Bosnia unless we have the consent of the Serbs to fulfil our mandate," a senior official said.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, also confirmed that, even when the new Rapid Reaction Force of two brigades, including Britain's 24 Airmobile Brigade, is deployed in Bosnia, it will not be able to operate properly without "minimum consent" from the Serbs.

The French, who do not attend Nato defence ministers' meetings, have made clear that they see July as the deadline for a Serb change of attitude. British officials yesterday seemed to share the same timetable, although Mr Rifkind did not impose a deadline on the Serbs publicly.

With a withdrawal in late winter ruled out because of the likely harsh weather, it is expected that UN forces would start to withdraw in the autumn unless there is clear evidence of Serb co-operation. According to Nato officials, "co-operation" would mean unimpeded freedom of movement for United Nations supply convoys into the six "safe areas": Sarajevo, Gorazde, Srebrenica, Zepa, Tuzla and Bihac.

Mr Rifkind said the first big test of a Serb change of attitude would be in Zepa, Srebrenica and Gorazde, "in

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that order", where food supplies are low and there is daily shelling.

Although the troop-contributing countries remain adamant at present that withdrawal is not on the agenda and are hoping that the deployment of a Rapid Reaction Force will help to persuade the Serbs to be more obliging, the evacuation of UN troops seems unavoidable unless the Serbs back off.

The hostage-taking, which MR Rifkind said had been an extraordinary strategic error by the Serbs, had galvanised the West into a dramatic reinforcement of the UN presence in Bosnia. Yet the rapid reaction reserve was not being sent to force through supplies to the "safe areas". Mr Rifkind said it would take more than two brigades to guarantee supplies to the enclaves by force and it was not part of the UN mandate to take such action. The future of the United Nations operation depended on consent and without it the mission was doomed, alliance sources said.

To implement Nato's withdrawal plan, called 4104, ten countries have offered to supply troops for the 40,000-man evacuation force. The Americans have offered 25,000 troops and additional fighter aircraft to provide close air support. Robert Hunter, American Ambassador to Nato, said: "We are at the stage where we could move expeditiously at any point if necessary."

A withdrawal would be under Nato command, including air support which would no longer operate under the Nato-UN system which controls present airstrike missions in Bosnia.

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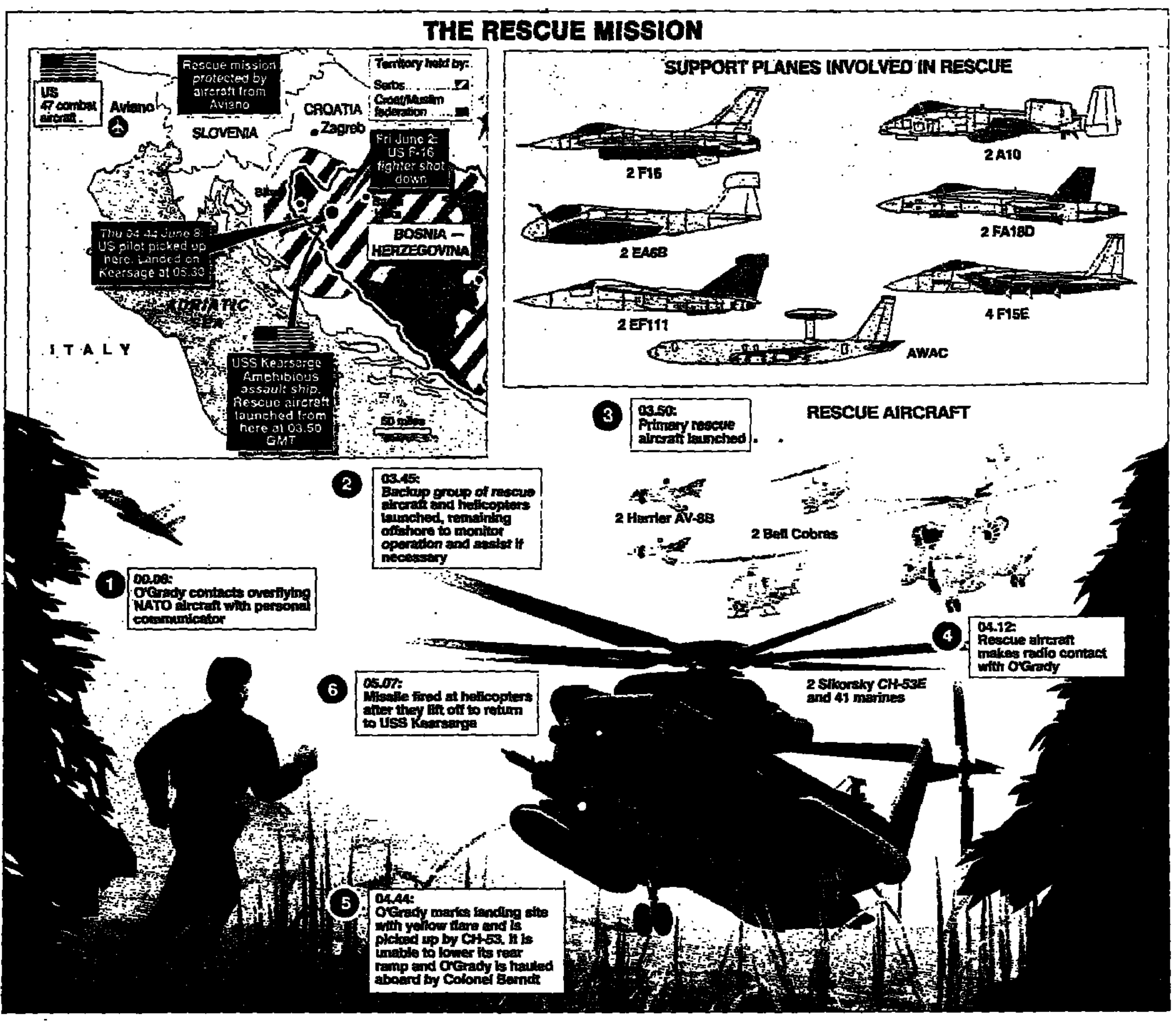
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SUPPORT PLANES INVOLVED IN RESCUE
2 F16
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2 EA6B
2 FA18D
2 EF111
4 F15E
AWAC
RESCUE AIRCRAFT
2 Harrier AV-8B
2 Bell Cobras
2 Sikorsky CH-53E and 41 marines
1 00.06: O'Grady contacts overflying NATO aircraft with personal communicator
2 03.45: Backup group of rescue aircraft and helicopters launched, remaining offshore to monitor operation and assist if necessary
3 03.50: Primary rescue aircraft launched
4 04.12: Rescue aircraft makes radio contact with O'Grady
5 04.44: O'Grady marks landing site with yellow flare and is picked up by CH-53. It is unable to lower its rear ramp and O'Grady is hauled aboard by Colonel Berndt
6 05.07: Missile fired at helicopters after they lift off to return to USS Kearsarge

Stop-go tactics cut UN force's supply

FROM JOEL BRAND
IN SARAJEVO

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THE struggle to deliver humanitarian aid to Bosnian towns besieged by Serb forces highlights the fundamental dilemma of Western policy: to attempt a long-term solution and risk war, or accept harassment and frustration.

With the West debating just how willing it is to try to force the Serbs into line, the issue of humanitarian aid is coming to the forefront. For the entire war, Serb commanders have blocked and harassed UN relief convoys to besieged towns.

In recent months they have tightened their stranglehold, adding UN resupply trucks and the Sarajevo airlift to their blockade. Now, in some areas, it is the peacekeepers who need relief food aid. For months UN troops, including the British in Gorazde, have had to abandon armoured personnel carriers because they are not allowed to bring in fuel. One UN source said that the Serb blockade left the observation posts from which 33 were abducted underprotected.

In the past few days the Serbs have turned more co-operative, giving permission for aid convoys to a few of the five enclaves declared "safe areas". The reason is part of a time-tested pattern: the Serbs maintain their hardline position until peacekeepers and Western countries begin losing patience. Playing on Western indecision, Serb commanders ease or step-up harassment with an eye to the rise and fall of European and American resolve.

In the hostage crisis, the Serbs have released most of their UN prisoners, but not so many that the stand-off is resolved. Last night, the Serbs announced they would let Red Cross delegates visit the remaining 145 peacekeepers.

Hide and seek in Serb heartland

Sarajevo: The F16 was shot down last week in a part of Bosnia secured by Serb forces before the start of the war and viewed as the most militarised of the 70 per cent of the country held by them (Joel Brand writes).

Serb army commanders undoubtedly mounted an extensive search for the pilot. A year ago American planes destroyed four Serb jets in the area, as they returned from a bombing mission. Those planes, like the F16 shot down last week, were part of Nato's Operation Deny Flight, policing the United Nations flight ban over Bosnia.

Captain Scott O'Grady was very canny, or fortunate, to have eluded capture for so long. Few woods interrupt the mostly open farmland, and the area has a large number of towns and villages.

Layers of air power protected mission

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE operation that led to the rescue of the American F16 pilot shot down by a Serbian Sam 6 missile last Friday was carried out after meticulous training and planning, and involved one of the most specialised units in the United States Marine Corps.

Forty members of a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel (Trap) team from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit on board *USS Kearsarge*, an amphibious assault ship in the Adriatic, took off in helicopters at dawn for northwest Bosnia.

The Trap team was on board two CH53E Super Sea Stallion heavy lift troop-transport helicopters, each capable of carrying 55 Marines. The Super Sea Stallions, designed specifically for long-range rescue operations, have three engines, an in-flight refuelling capability, machinegun posts in the doors and ceramic armour to protect the pilot.

The two helicopters took off from the *USS Kearsarge* three and a half hours after the pilot, Captain Scott O'Grady, had signalled his location. Captain O'Grady had sent signals during the five days in which he evaded capture, but he had done so intermittently to conserve the power of the batteries on his hand-held radio. Soon after he made first contact with overflying aircraft he sent one more message which said he "really needs to get out tonight — radio getting weak".

As the all-weather Super Sea Stallions flew low over the Adriatic, they were protected by two AH1 Cobra "gunship" helicopters, also from the *USS Kearsarge*, and Marine Corps Harrier jump-jets. Above the helicopters and Harriers was an array of Nato combat aircraft.

The first layer above the helicopters and Harriers consisted of A6s, EA6Bs and EF111s to suppress Serb air defences. Above them were A10s and FA18s for close air support, then another layer of F16s, F15s and F18s, carrying out combat air patrol. Above all the aircraft were Awacs providing early warning.

On board one of the Super Sea Stallions was Colonel Martin Berndt, commanding officer of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit and soon to be promoted to brigadier-general. Trap teams are always led by senior officers, but Colonel Berndt decided to take command of the rescue himself. The two Cobras and Harriers were the first to reach the downed F16 pilot, between Banja Luka and Bihac. Their role was to suppress possible ground and air attacks and clear the way for the two Super Sea Stallions. The location of the pilot had been pinpointed by an American F15 flying overhead, listening for any contact from Captain O'Grady's personal search-and-rescue radio beacon.

It was raining and there was low cloud, but when the Cobras and Harriers arrived at the spot about 80 miles from the coast, close to a wood,

THE RESCUE

the pilot suddenly ran out from the trees. One of the Super Sea Stallions landed on a tree stump and had difficulty lowering its rear ramp. But as Captain O'Grady, from 555 Fighter Squadron based at Aviano in Italy, approached the helicopter, Colonel Berndt reached out and pulled him into the aircraft.

Within minutes the helicopter carrying the pilot rose from the Serb-controlled territory. The rescue team came under attack from ground fire and one shoulder-launched Sam missile, but the helicopters were not hit.

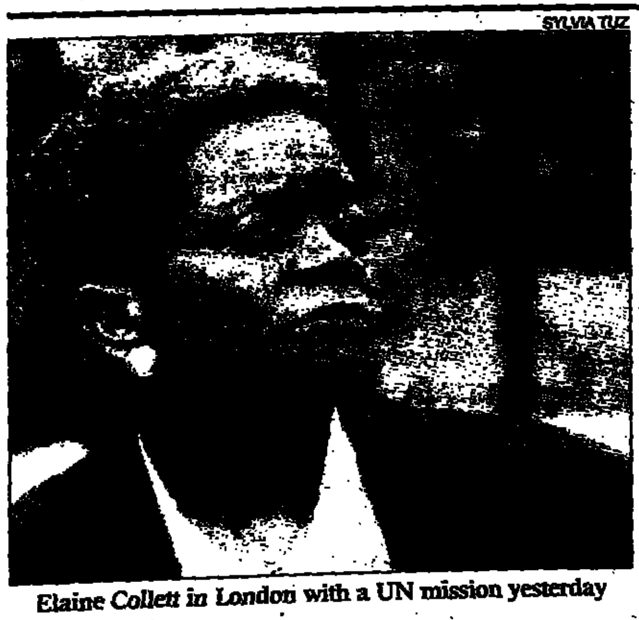
Two weeks before the mission, the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit had carried out an exercise off Sardinia which included a rescue. Planning for such an operation was also part of the six to eight months of training for the US Marines before being deployed to the Adriatic.

Trap teams range in size from 18 to 50 men but generally have 40 Marines and include a command element and communications personnel, as well as the combat and rescue unit. The scale of the mission is dictated by the danger and the terrain.

With Captain O'Grady, who is from Spokane in Washington State, safely on board *USS Kearsarge*, questions remain over the circumstances in which he was shot down. Normally, an F16 would be capable of avoiding a Sam 6 missile with the use of electronic jamming and decoy chaff. Although the pilot is understood to have deployed both of these devices, he is believed to have stayed in the vicinity of the missile sites longer than would normally have been expected after initially being tracked by Serb ground radar.

There are reports that the F16 and accompanying aircraft had been "locked on to" by radar several times before the missile was fired.

SYLVIA TUZ



Elaine Collett in London with a UN mission yesterday

Wife joins quest for Lebanon hostages

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, *DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT*

WHEN Elaine Collett kissed her husband, Alec, goodbye at Kennedy Airport, New York, as he set out to visit the Middle East, he told her that their 11-year-old son always seemed to grow while he was away.

That was ten years ago and Mrs Collett has not seen her husband since. On March 25, 1985, soon after he arrived in Beirut, the 63-year-old British journalist was abducted by armed members of the Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims, which has close links with Libya.

This was the heyday of hostage-taking in Lebanon, but most of those seized, Terry Waite among them, were held by two pro-Iranian groups, Islamic Jihad and the Revolutionary Justice Organisation. All were eventually released.

Mrs Collett, 49, is visiting London and Jordan as part of a United Nations mission to try to gain information about her husband and the scores of other civilian UN staff still missing in the Middle East and elsewhere. Mr Collett was working for the UN and reporting on the plight of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon when he was seized. "I am not naive enough to think he has definitely survived all these years," Mrs Collett said. "I am hopeful, though, that we may find out something".

Two months after her husband was abducted, Mrs Collett received a videotape showing him unshaven and looking thin. Seven months later, a second video showed a healthier-looking Mr Collett relaying a demand by his captors for the release of certain Muslim prisoners in Britain.

Days after the American airstrike against Libya in 1986, the Socialist Muslims announced that they had hanged Mr Collett. Yet another video arrived, showing a man hanging from a scaffold. His family say this could not have been the British journalist, since the corpse had ten fingers and Mr Collett had had one of his amputated.

"I have heard rumours, I have been told that he has been sighted in a prison, but no details could be given," Mrs Collett said. "Others have told me that, yes, he is dead. I get no feedback, but I have a tremendous belief in God — I have been blessed. I am able to live a more or less normal life, even with this uncertainty."

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Court orders Turkey to pay ex-detainees

Strasbourg: The European Court of Human Rights, delivering its first rulings in complaints against Turkey, yesterday ordered Ankara to pay damages and legal costs to people imprisoned for unreasonable lengths of time.

The court, whose authority was recognised by the Turkish Government in 1990, ruled that two opposition leaders held for two-and-a-half years on charges related to their political views before being acquitted should be paid £3,750 each. The two were Nabi Yagci, general secretary of the Turkish Workers' Party and a journalist, and Nihat Sargin, a doctor who was secretary-general of the Turkish Communist Party.

In a second case, the court ordered damages, also of £3,750, to Sadi Mansur, an Iranian convicted of drug-trafficking who spent nine-and-a-half years in jail during trial proceedings.

The cases were among several against Turkey moving through Europe's rights watchdog system. Turkey has come under fire from the international community for its aggressive crackdown on Kurdish separatists and sympathisers.

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Juppé lines up for Bordeaux fiefdom

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AFTER 48 years under the rule of Jacques Chaban-Delmas, the Gaullist Mayor, Bordeaux is likely to elect as his successor Alain Juppé, the new Prime Minister. He took an interest in Bordeaux only a year ago, has hardly campaigned there and, since he is busy running France, he is unlikely to spend much time managing the city.

The parachuting of M Juppé, 49, a Paris technocrat-politician, into one of his party's most powerful municipal bastions is a routine ploy in a country where central power is revered and city mayors are barons. Thirty-five of M Juppe's 43 ministers are also running for office or re-election in the first round of municipal elections on Sunday. Eight of the 12 "Jupettes", as his women ministers are known, are standing for election as mayors or councillors.

Under the Gallic system, the deal is reciprocal. Bordeaux gets a new Mayor who, though leaving daily affairs to his *premier adjoint*, will give the city national clout. In return, M Juppé, a native of Gascony who has served as a town hall deputy to President Chirac, the former Mayor of Paris, acquires a fiefdom considered vital for the political heights. "We can hardly believe our luck. We're losing a duke and getting a king," a Bordeaux shopkeeper said as M Chaban-Delmas, known as *le duc d'Aquitaine*, bows out. With only a remote chance of beating M Juppé's list, the opposition has been reduced to complaining that Strasbourg, Toulouse and Nantes are doing fine with mayors who are not national politicians. "You cannot run a city from Paris anymore," Gilles Savary, the head of the left-wing municipal list, said. "The state no longer has all powers of decision in its hands."

Juppé: parachuted into powerful city bastion

M Chirac, François Mitterrand, the former President, and many recent prime ministers have launched their careers from town halls and it is considered never too late to get into the game. On Sunday, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, 69, another former President, is hoping to be elected Mayor of Clermont Ferrand and Edouard Balladur, the defeated Gaullist presidential candidate and previous Prime Minister, is running for humble councillor in Paris.

A 1985 law limited to two the number of elected offices which may be held simultaneously, but there is still little resistance to the tradition of doubling national office with local fiefs. A main reason is that the mayor remains the most popular figure in the political hierarchy and exposure to matters of housing, sewage and schools is deemed healthy for keeping the elite feet on the ground.

However, the image of local government is changing, thanks to scandals and unwieldiness. Evidence of the latter is the existence of 36,700 local councils, most based on pre-revolutionary parishes and each with its mayor. Britain has just 10,000.

Christopher tour spurs hopes of Syrian deal

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, the American Secretary of State, arrived here yesterday to begin his 13th and most important Middle East peace mission amid a widespread sense of optimism about progress towards an Israeli-Syrian deal.

The upbeat atmosphere was heightened by confirmation that Mr Christopher will attend a summit in Cairo this morning with the leaders of Israel and Egypt and reports of a remarkably positive telephone call between President Clinton and President Assad of Syria.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said Mr Clinton told him: "I have never heard President Assad so optimistic concerning chances of the agreement with Israel as I heard him this week in a phone conversation."

Mr Rabin, who has signalled that Israel will be prepared to sanction a complete withdrawal from the occupied Golan Heights in exchange for a treaty, added: "I do not know if, in the end, we will reach an agreement with Syria. The negotiations are still in front of us, but the fact is that the US President found Assad, for the first time, optimistic concerning an agreement with Israel."

The mood of optimism was buoyed by the normally low-key Mr Christopher, who said during his flight to Israel: "We go out in a moment when there is an opportunity for considerable progress." On landing in Tel Aviv, he drove home his message by saying: "There is now a real opportunity for a comprehensive peace."

A similar tone was adopted by the Syrian press. *Al-Thawra*, regarded as the voice of the Assad regime, said that the American mission had "exceptional importance" and pledged that Mr Christopher "will clearly feel Syria's full readiness to co-operate seriously with any practical movement towards achieving a real start in the peace process".

Behind the rhetoric is the conviction that, at the end of his trip, Mr Christopher will be able to confirm that General Hikmat Shihabi and Lieutenant-General Amnon Shahak, the Syrian and Israeli chiefs of staff respectively, will open full security negotiations in Washington before the end of June. Although abortive talks at a similar level took place last December, the officers were then mandated only to present their Governments' positions rather than attempt to resolve the differences.

The sudden change in the pace in talks which have remained bogged down for three years has been forced by two key factors — the 1996 election in Israel, which Syria realises could put in place a right-wing government unwilling to deal on the Golan, and Israel's recognition that a neutralised Syria is vital if it is to meet the far greater security threat from Iran and Iraq.

Shimon Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, outlined the change of heart to a Labour Party convention this week. Writing off any hopes that parts of the Golan could be retained, he said: "The Golan settlers are our emissaries, and have fulfilled a security mission of the first degree. But now they must be our loyal emissaries in peace. I know it hurts."

Mr Peres, who agrees with Mr Rabin about the need to relinquish all the Syrian territory conquered in 1967, added: "We must sign a peace agreement with Syria to fight the Iranian nuclear threat."

Marla Van Meter, the American-born spokeswoman for the militant Golan Residents' Committee, which this week intensified its campaign against a handover of the 32 settlements, said that she had been visited by officials from the American Embassy in Tel Aviv. "They tried to convince us that the goal of US policy was to neutralise Syria and use it as a watching point for dealing with Iran and Iraq," she said. Most of the 15,000 settlers remain unconvinced and have promised to fight attempts to remove them.

The main issues still to be resolved between Israel and Syria are the siting of the border, a timetable for evacuation and the nature of future security and monitoring arrangements.

Fujimori has a lucky dip

President Fujimori is blessed by an indigenous priest in northern Peru at the edge of the Huaringas lakes. Local people believe that these Andean waters have curative powers. Accompanied by reporters, photographers and camera crews, the President, who is starting his second term of office and who admits that he consults clairvoyants, said after his swim in the cold water yesterday that the lakes were magical. In his second term, he says, he will focus his Government's attention on reducing poverty and creating jobs for the country's millions of unemployed. *(AP)*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Japanese 'gassed villagers'

Tokyo: The Japanese Army killed nearly 1,000 Chinese villagers with poison gas in the Second World War to wipe out communist resistance, a researcher in Tokyo said.

Hideaki Ishikriyama interviewed survivors at Beitan, eastern China, and former Japanese soldiers who told him that the attack lasted about 50 days, beginning in May 1942. Japan started making poison gas in 1929. By the end of the war, it had produced 7.46 million poison gas artillery shells, according to US military research. *(AFP)*

Pope 'plot' trial

Manila: Six Middle Eastern men allegedly linked to a plot to kill the Pope during a visit to The Philippines went on trial here on firearms and explosives charges. All have pleaded not guilty. *(AFP)*

Hunting lobby

Nairobi: Kenya may end a 20-year ban on wildlife hunting next year. About 70 per cent of all wildlife in Kenya lives on land outside national parks and reserves, causing widespread damage. *(Reuter)*

Basque attack

Madrid: A Spanish police officer was shot and wounded in the Basque resort of San Sebastian, the third such attack this year. The local governor blamed Eta, the Basque separatist organisation.

Hoxha son jailed

Tirana: Ilir Hoxha, 46, the eldest son of Enver Hoxha, Albania's late communist ruler, was jailed for a year for calling for revenge against the country's leaders. Enver Hoxha died in 1985. *(Reuter)*

Heat kills 150

Delhi: More than 90 people have died as a heatwave raised temperatures to 50C across India's Gangetic Plain. In neighbouring Pakistan, heat took a toll of 60 lives this week. *(AFP)*.

Village voice

Canteleux: Nine people — half of the population of this northern French village — are contesting local elections, in which the main issue is the purchase of a roadsign on the village boundary. *(Reuter)*

Township killer given six life terms

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

AT THE end of a murder trial in Johannesburg yesterday, a 39-year-old man was sentenced to six terms of life imprisonment for killing six children ranging in age from two to eight.

Moses Mokgeti killed the children, cutting off the boys' penises and removing the girls' hearts and livers to use their body parts for *muti* (tribal medicine).

Justice M.J. Strydom told an impassive Mokgeti that the life terms would not run concurrently. He told him he hoped and believed that he would stay in prison for the rest of his natural life and never get remission. "I want to make sure you will never walk free among the community again," he said.

The judge said he had observed how Mokgeti remained emotionless throughout the trial and stared coldlyat family members when they broke down on hearing details of his crimes.

Mokgeti, from Mohlakeng near Randfontein, was also sentenced to 12 years in prison for the rape of a five-year-old girl and six years for attempting to murder her. He was captured after she escaped.

Capital punishment was ruled unconstitutional on Tuesday. But yesterday the grandmother of one victim, two-year-old Rearabetswe Kgoleng, said she was relieved but felt that the death sentence should be brought back for cases of child murder and abuse.

"We are going to be paying to keep that animal in prison," an emotional Pascalina Kgoleng said. The court was told that the *muti* was obtained for a wealthy businessman who wanted it to increase his economic vigour. Mrs Kgoleng also called for the purchaser to be brought to justice.

☐ **Durban:** A top aide to Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha Freedom Party leader, was arrested yesterday in connection with a 1987 massacre in which 13 people, mostly children, died.

A judge released Mr M. Z. Khumalo, Inkatha's Deputy Secretary-General, on 10,000 rands (£2,000) bail and ordered him to surrender his passport. Two policemen were arrested earlier. *(AP)*

Junk food addict starts losing weight to live

Los Angeles: A man immobilised by his own weight and facing death has been weaned off a lethal diet of cup cakes and peanut butter (Giles Whittell writes).

Tommy McGruder, 35, weighed about 700lb (50 stone) when he was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital with breathing problems last month. Doctors could not be precise about his weight because they had no way of measuring it.

He returned home this week, and a team of 12 medical workers was on hand to carry Mr McGruder in a special stretcher to his bedroom from the delivery van that had brought him from the hospital. A normal ambulance was too small.

Much had changed in his absence, especially in the kitchen. Frozen pizzas, pork chops and jars of corn bread mix had been removed by a charity that promotes better eating in America's inner cities, where junk food emporia dominate shopping malls.

His mother, Effie, 50, who will be cooking for him, said: "My son knows this is his last chance. He either eats right or he dies."

The world's heaviest man is also American. P.J. Albert Jackson, from Canton, Mississippi, weighs nearly 900lb and has a waistline of 160in, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*.

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Far East outpost pushes Russia into border row

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN VLADIVOSTOK

THE outspoken Governor of this distant outpost in Russia's Far East is nudging Moscow closer towards a potentially explosive showdown with Peking over a simmering territorial dispute, which has already led to one border conflict.

Yevgeni Nazdratenko, the tough regional boss of the Primorsky Kray region, said that he would do everything in his power to block a border agreement between the two countries aimed at ending centuries of rivalry along the 2,700-mile frontier.

"This border has stood for 137 years," said the former mining engineer and amateur boxer, who in the space of only two years in office has established himself as one of the most powerful and popular governors in Russia. "If we start giving up land to the Chinese, we might as well just pull out from the Far East altogether," he told *The Times* in an interview in his office in Vladivostok, overlooking the remnants of Russia's once mighty Pacific Fleet. "Once you begin handing over land they will just keep coming back for more."

At issue are three pockets of land, including Damansky Island, the disputed territory which triggered a brief but bloody border war in 1969. The land was turned over to China under the provisions of a 1991 treaty with the Soviet Union, which was supposed to end decades of rivalry between the two regional superpowers. Mr Nazdratenko's room for manoeuvre on issues of Russia's foreign policy is limited, but that has not stopped him conducting single-handedly an aggressive campaign to beef up border security and crack down on illegal Chinese immigrants.

"When I came to office two years ago the Primorsky was already swarming with these people — sick, tubercular, full of lice, you understand? Bandits," he raged. "If I had not done something we would have lost this territory in 15 years."

His actions, condemned by some as racist, have been welcomed by many locals who feel that their interests have been betrayed by Moscow and that their populous neighbour is intent on swallowing up Russia's Far East in one demographic gulp. According to experts the Russian population between Lake Baikal in Siberia and the Pacific coast is only eight million, while neighbouring Chinese provinces have more than 300 million people. In addition, Russia's population is steadily declining, the result of a steady migration to central and western parts of the country.

"Personally I consider the Chinese to be a lower race," said Yevgeni Kotov, 23, a student in Vladivostok who echoed a popular sentiment in the city. "Nazdratenko was standing up for our rights. The expulsions were long overdue." Mr Nazdratenko's critics accuse him of inflaming potentially explosive nationalist passions as a way of deflecting allegations of corruption in his administration and whipping up nationalist support among the disaffected population.

Vladimir Myasnikov, an expert on Sino-Russian affairs at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies, said that the Governor's attempts to unpick the historic treaty agreement could have a dangerous fallout for Russia. "We negotiated this treaty in 1991 when the Soviet Union still existed and when we were still a superpower. Since then our strength has declined and China's strength has increased," he said.

"If we reopen the argument over these small pockets of land they could reinstate their demands for more than a million square kilometers of our territory. He is playing a very dangerous game."

Although Russia's military might has traditionally kept China in check, for the first time in 400 years there are clear signs that Peking is now in the ascendancy. China's fast expanding economy has been matched by a military build-up and a more aggressive regional policy, highlighted most recently by its dispute with the Philippines over the Spratly Islands.

As far as Russia is concerned, the Chinese sent a powerful message to Moscow only last month, when they detonated an underground nuclear device on the day that General Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, arrived on a visit to Peking.

Burmese dissident sent back to prison

FROM REUTER
IN BANGKOK

BURMESE military authorities have arrested a leading pro-democracy politician three months after he was released from jail, diplomats in Rangoon, the Burmese capital, said yesterday.

Kyi Maung, who is in his seventies and a senior member of the National League for Democracy (NLD), was arrested in Rangoon on Friday after he met the British Ambassador. He was detained with four or five other elderly dissidents, the envoys said.

"I don't know how much trouble these people were causing. They were not on the streets waving banners. It seems anyone who has contact with diplomats is being arrested and the only ones left are the elderly," an envoy said.

U Kyi Maung became NLD leader after Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, and other top party members were arrested in 1989. The following year he was jailed for ten years, but was released in March.

☐ **Mae Sot:** About 1,000 Burmese troops attacked one of the last areas held by Karen guerrillas near the border with Thailand, Thai military sources said yesterday. Rebel sources said many troops had been killed in two days of fighting and they expected the offensive to continue.

President Lee Teng-hui, the first leader of Taiwan to visit America, greets a welcoming party at an hotel in Pasadena, California

Peking pulls punches over Lee's US visit

BY JAMES PRINGLE
IN PEKING
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WHILE President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan continued his visit to the United States yesterday, China again angrily attacked the Clinton Administration for allowing the leader of what it regards as a renegade province to attend a reunion at Cornell University, his alma mater.

Diplomats in Peking, however, noted that despite all the sound and fury, the Government seemed to be pulling its punches. "There have been a lot of words from the Chinese side but very little action," one Western diplomat said.

In Los Angeles on Wednesday, Mr Lee criticised China for opposing Taiwan's diplomatic activities. He said that securing his American visit had been as difficult as going to the moon.

Although the Chinese are clearly biding their time to see how Mr Lee is received and whether he conducts himself in a politically provocative manner when he receives an honorary degree and delivers a speech at Cornell today, the envoys note that Peking, while it suspended missile control talks, has reacted relatively mildly.

Mr Lee will meet American politicians, particularly Republican congressmen whose strong pressure helped to push the Administration — apparently reluctantly — into allowing the visit, but not government officials.

"We want to express our utmost dissatisfaction at the US Government obstinately clinging to its wrongful position," Shen Guofang, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday. Referring to three Sino-American joint communiqués that regulate relations, documents that agree there is only one China, Mr Shen said Mr Lee's American visit would produce "very serious potential negative impacts" on relations. He declined to say what they might be.

Civilians killed in Burundi fighting

FROM REUTER
IN BUJUMBURA

AT LEAST 25 civilians were found massacred inside the last Hutu bastion of Bujumbura, the Burundi capital, early yesterday in the wake of an army sweep through the town to clear out militiamen on Wednesday.

Frightened residents said more dead, killed by bullets and blades, lay in houses and down backstreets. Bodies seen by journalists who arrived yesterday were still fresh, indicating that they were killed on Wednesday, when the Tutsi-dominated army moved into the Kamenge area after a week-long siege.

Remaining civilians in the area said troops and Tutsi youth militias slaughtered people who were too weak or old to leave Kamenge after the assault. "They are old, they know nothing, they can do nothing," one young man cried out.

There were, however, smiles of relief from one couple, who had been separated during the siege. The man bumped into his wife, their baby strapped to her back, on Kamenge's main street. But their plan was to join more than a million Rwandan and Burundian refugees in Zaire. There was no life for them, they said, so long as Burundi's 17,000-strong armed forces remained almost exclusively recruited from the Tutsi minority.

As reporters left Kamenge, a nervous Tutsi soldier, who was manning a checkpoint, claimed that Hutu militiamen had killed members of their own tribe in order to tarnish the army's image.

Keating does not want to be president

From Roger Maynard
in sydney

PAUL KEATING, Australia's Prime Minister, yesterday denied that he had presidential ambitions and ruled himself out as a contender for head of state.

"I would never consider the position," the Labour leader said after revealing plans to cut constitutional ties with Britain. "This is not about me: this is about Australia."

Mr Keating's remarks followed his announcement that a referendum on a republic would be held in 1998 or 1999 and that a new head of state would be elected by parliament and not the public. His "minimalist" approach to a republic would give the president the same authority as the Governor-General.

John Howard, the Opposition leader, last night accused the Prime Minister of not giving Australians a proper say in the formulation of a republic.

He also proposed a "people's convention" to hammer out a consensus on constitutional changes.

In a formal response to Mr Keating's earlier speech, Mr Howard said in a television address: "Our approach is to allow you to decide the Australian constitution the Australian people want, not the kind of constitution the current Prime Minister wants."

Australians for a Constitutional Monarchy yesterday unveiled a £250,000 television campaign to counter the Government's proposals. It also emerged yesterday that the Queen has been kept in touch with developments by Mr Keating.

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After three years of relentless negotiations, Lord Owen says he has decided to give up politics for ever

'I lost a disc of my back to the Balkans but now I'm demob-happy'

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

David Owen is feeling demob-happy. He will no longer be greeted at parties with "How do you stand it? How can you carry on?" (Never. "Gosh. I wish I had your job."). This week he bade goodbye to Tudjman over lunch, to Milosevic over dinner; today he flies to Paris to say adieu to Prime Minister Alain Juppé, and tonight he comes home to hang up his negotiating hat. Tomorrow he will be playing tennis on his court in Wiltshire.

The Balkans have disrupted his family life for three years. "And no doubt aged me," he says. But when John Major appointed him in August 1992, "I was hoist on my own petard, having spoken out for a more active policy. It's like being offered Northern Ireland: it would be cowardice to say no. And the best thing was, it gave me a good opportunity to step right back from domestic politics and party divisions."

It was also the nearest approximation to his former role on the world stage when, as Foreign Secretary in the 1970s, he would see Cy Vance for breakfast, Gromyko for lunch and the Chinese Foreign Minister for tea.

But he never expected the ghastly mess to drag on for so long. He was not even paid for the first six months. He took a charming flat in Geneva under the cathedral so the bells would rock him out of bed even before the *Today* programme did. If he sometimes sounded wearily disdainful at that hour, he was often in chronic pain from an arthritic knee, and his back. "I lost a disc of my back to the Balkans," he says. Last November a Geneva neurosurgeon removed the disc with miscrosurgery, and there has been a miraculous improvement to his arthritic knee. A New York specialist told him he would have to have an artificial one; Dr Owen said he hadn't the time. "So I lost weight, and nature seems to have healed it. I could barely walk 400 yards; now I can walk four or five miles." And I saw him dancing energetically with his wife Debbie three weeks ago.

He occupies an elegant suite in Queen Anne's Gate, in the house where Lord Palmerston was born. The tall-windowed office has an enormous bouquet of lilies sent by David Brinkley, on whose US television show he was to have appeared (it was cancelled when the F16 was shot down: Lord Owen knew from Milosevic that the pilot was alive). And there is a smaller bouquet from the University of Leiden in Holland, where he had spoken the previous evening on "The Limits of UN Enforcement".

On the chimneypiece stands a line of political biographies: Gaitskell, John Major, Tito. A tiny Frenchman arrived ("*Bonjour!*" cried Dr Owen impressively) delivering a large envelope from President Chirac.

Only nine days ago he made his maiden speech in the House of Lords. Three minutes before he spoke, he heard that Alain Juppé had announced that Owen would be standing down: this came as a complete surprise (although he had asked to go by the end of June) to John Major, Douglas Hurd and himself. Up he spoke, eloquently, about the danger of "laptop bombardiers" in Bosnia. Jim Callaghan then sang his praises: "I have never been in doubt about his ability," said Jim. "That meant a lot to me," Owen says. "I still think of him as my boss."

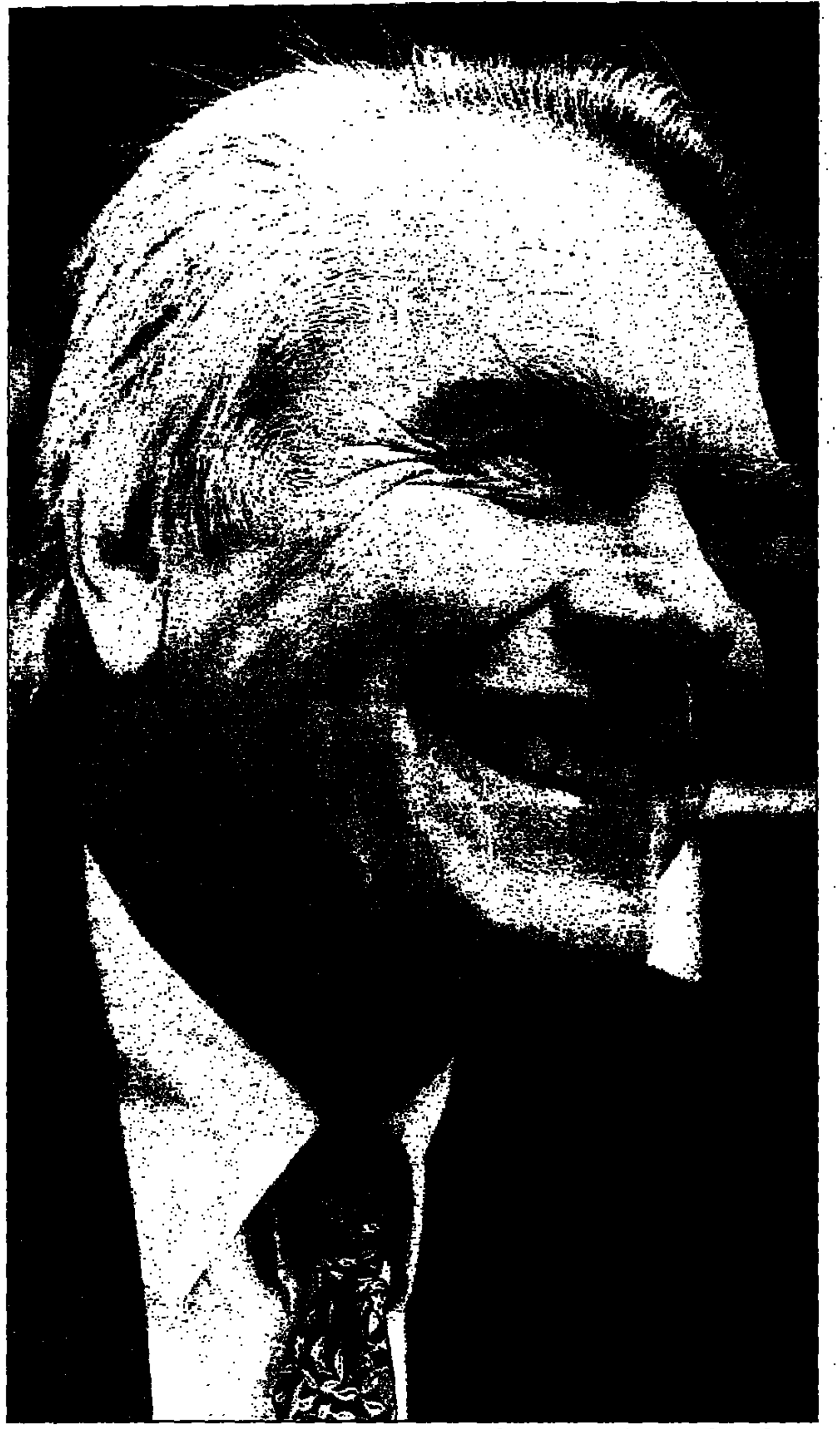
I wondered whether, over those interminable conference tables, he ever got to speak on personal terms with any of the Balkan leaders. "Well, I saw Mladic in Geneva shortly after his daughter, a medical student, committed suicide. She was very close to him and it was a traumatic time. I just couldn't cope with not saying anything, so I said, through the interpreter, "My son was once terribly ill and I thought I'd lost him, and I know what you must be feeling, there's nothing worse'.

"There are human sides to it, sometimes. I found I could talk to Izetbegovich privately about the moral dilemma of hanging in for a perfect peace when events on the ground were destroying it.

"That was the hardest thing about this whole job: most of the leaders just seem completely oblivious to the loss of life, the malnutrition, the disease, the horrors of day-by-day living, and above all the day-by-day ethnic cleansing, creating partition. And so they wait for this perfect peace, the moralists in Washington or Sarajevo, while Serb towns like Bijeljina and Banja Luka, which had a Muslim population when the Vance-Owen strategy began, were ethnically cleansed . . .

"I'm not someone who shows my emotions, but I have never flinched from saying that killing a people's way of life and destroying their roots is as bad as killing people. But they find it easier not to grapple with the moral dilemma, easier to espouse the perfect peace."

SIMON WALKER



Owen: back to private business — and tennis — after a long and tiring disruption

There is no peace, and the prognosis looks bleak. Yet Owen has done everything possible — in the face of obduracy, dissembling, disinformation, propaganda, death threats. He decided after much agonising that there should be a Yugoslav war crimes tribunal: "A generation had grown up who had forgotten that there was a Nuremberg, that there were rules of war: when these thugs were interviewed, they seemed to think 'we are at war' was an answer: and if this went unchallenged the rules of war might be lost for ever." He worked harmoniously ("you could not put a cigarette paper between us") with both Vance and Stoltenberg. He remained stalwart about the danger of getting sucked into a Balkan war on the back of humanitarian intervention — "I couldn't live with myself if boys like Tristan and Gareth [his sons] lost their lives in combat in what is predominantly a civil war.

"The first two years, we worked our backsides off. There was this endless sense of urgency as we were told there would be starvation when the snows came — but Mother Nature was kind, three mild winters. There has been no humanitarian disaster. There is no doubt that the UN have done a very good job."

'I want to be a private citizen, not a politician'

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In his final confrontation with General Mladic ("who in his strange peaked hat is a relic of the proud old monarchistic Serbia") he tried to impress on him "that taking hostages is not the way Serbs behave. Or the way great armies behave. Just to huff and puff would probably stiffen their resolve."

He started to glimpse life after Bosnia last summer when Coats Viyella made him a non-executive director. "So I've started to get back into private business for the first time since I ran a company in the early 1970s, my first experience of the workings of the marketplace." This was Decision Technology of Boston, then developing beta-blockers, using computers to investigate tremor: "We used to inject adrenalin into each other — get the dosage wrong and you're dead."

On medical matters he speaks with such galvanised enthusiasm I wonder that he did not retreat from the Commons to the world of medicine. He still prefers to be called Dr Owen. Now that his son Gareth is reading medicine (and living on a canal boat, replicating his father's bachelor life on a houseboat before he moved into Limehouse and turned Narrow Street into "the Park Lane of E14"), he has someone with whom to discuss doctors' dilemmas. It is what makes Dr Owen such a three-dimensional figure: that he dealt with life and death (personally delivering 55 babies) before he ever got to Westminster.

He would like to write a book about Bosnia, preferably with CD-Rom visual aids. "But how *should* I pitch it? Perhaps as the first time the EU had inter-government consensus policy tested against America, and came through rather well. But I don't want to spend too long looking back at Bosnia."

His last book, *Time To Declare* (dictated over the shoulders of a secretary "because I can't type and my handwriting is indecipherable") was a leviathan at 811 pages, of which the most enthralling and revealing episodes were about his Welsh family and his romantic youth — the wily way he courted Debbie, whom he first spied across a cocktail party being chatted up by John Pardoe ("so I moved in, with remarks about John's wife and children") — and the post-SDP episodes when he was courted with typically Delphic approaches by the equally wily Maurice Saatchi on behalf of the Tory party.

I longed to know what Owen thinks of the new Labour Party. "I do *not* intend to get involved," he said firmly. "People cannot seem to understand that I wish to cut out politics completely. I want to be a private citizen. I am not interested in any international public service any more. I want to earn my living in the markets of the world, and I will make rare speeches from the cross benches of the House of Lords."

He ended *Time To Declare* with the Robert Frost poem about having chosen to "take the road less travelled". Penguin is about to publish his *Seven Ages* anthology in paperback. Behind the statesmanlike façade beats a poetic as well as a physician's soul. And after his 57th birthday in July, he goes with the family to Debbie's childhood home on Long Island for a village reunion, with endless jollity and tennis tournaments — a reward for Debbie Owen's Penelope-like patience.

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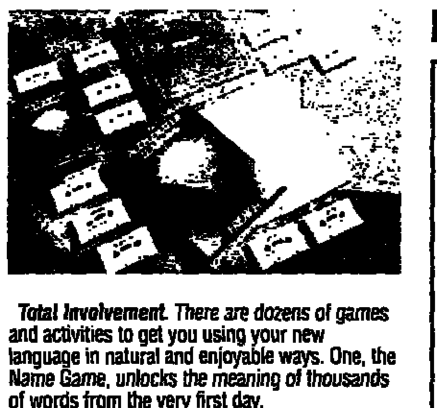

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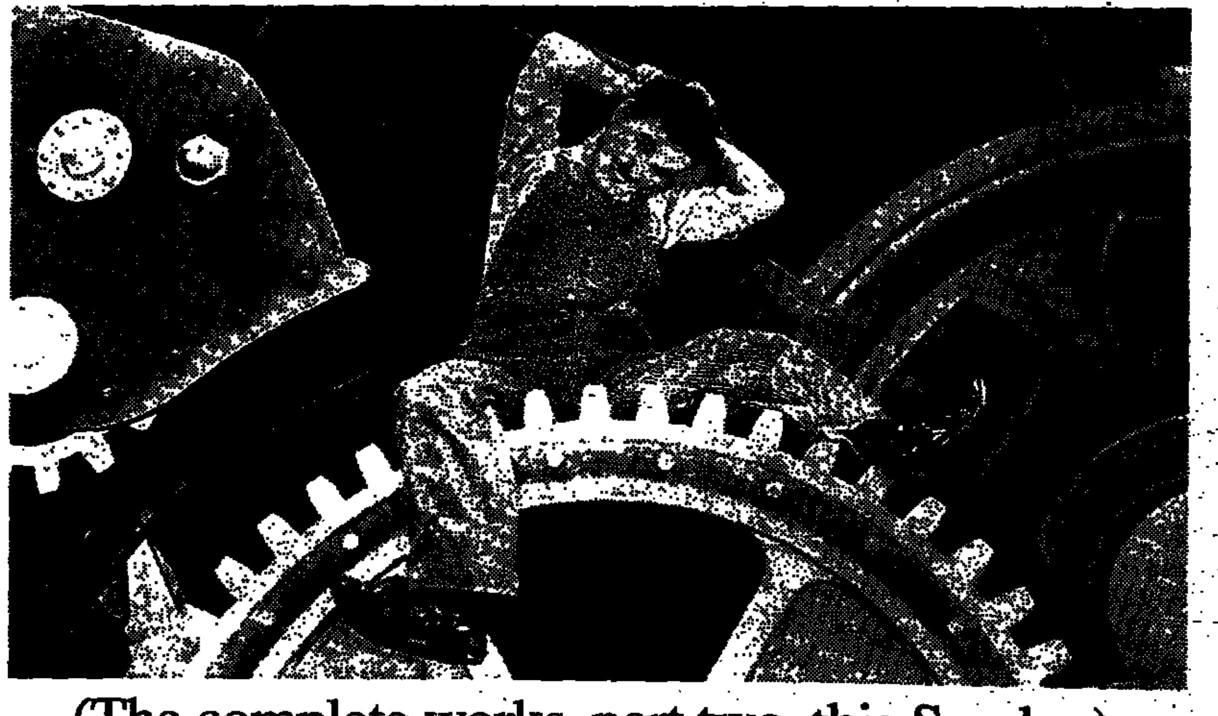

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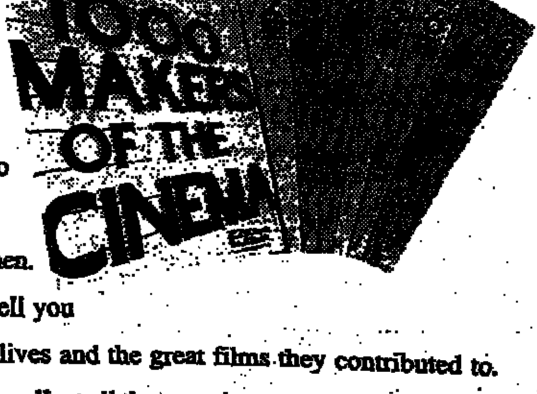

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What have we done to our nice old doctors? By treating them like plumbers we are making them behave like tradesmen, says **Libby Purves**

Sick and tired of patients

William Carlos Williams, the American poet and doctor, looked back in 1948 over a long general practice. His great satisfaction, he said, lay in the humdrum: in the million and a half patients he saw over 40 years. "The actual calling on people, at all times and under all conditions, the coming to grips with the intimate conditions of their lives... has always absorbed me... When I detached myself from them at the end of a half hour of intense concentration over some illness, it was as though I was reawakening from a sleep. I came back to myself, as from any other sleep, rested."

That passage was shown to me years ago by an old GP, who joined the NHS in its early days and remained a small-town practitioner. On retiring, he said, he too felt as if he were being locked out of a wonderland: strange, often terrible, but always absorbing.

Yesterday, angry GPs voted against the Government's latest scheme to compensate them for the disruption of home and night visits. They are understandably fuming at being treated like 24-hour plumbers, and quote again the rise in frivolous call-outs. A woman calls the doctor at 3am because she cannot remember whether or not she took her sleeping pill, and supposes there is "a test for it"; a man demands attention at midnight because he doesn't want to be late for work. All declare that they know their rights, and some of them assault the GP. Few doctors now talk of being absorbed, fascinated, or privileged to serve. The public voice of the medical profession is becoming a snarl.

Now, I am perfectly certain that in 1948 there were plenty of cynical doctors: nor would I deny that today there are hundreds of dedicated, even quite contented ones. There are also many sensible compromises made: round here, the problem of worried parents is frequently solved by bundling the child in the car to the duty doctor's own home, so that he or she can sleepily check up on the earache without getting out of a dressing-gown.

Fiction, not fact: the saintly GPs of TV's *Peak Practice*

But even so, the contrast between the idyll of the old-time doctor and the furious GPs of today forces a question. What have we done to the doctors? When did this relationship start to break down, and Drs Finlay and Cameron hand over to these bitter dissidents?

Overwork is one answer. Nothing quashes idealism more than being overtaxed. Patients definitely are getting more unreasonable: last year a survey of doctors showed that 85 per cent of them want the power to fine patients for stupid call-outs. Even Dr Cameron would have got a bit militant if people kept ringing Arden House at 4am to complain that they had run out of tampons, burnt their tongue on their porridge, or spotted a wee lousie running around on their unmentionable parts (all real examples from the survey).

But look deeper: *why* are we so unreasonable? Society is measurably less stable: far more of us live alone, far more are depressed and fearful. More families have only one parent to rely on. In the more fragmented, mistrustful parts of society, general anxieties are more likely to be taken to the doctor than where they properly belong: with grannies, friends or priests.

Moreover, we have been taught to pin our hope on science. We consider health with constant energy a right, even a kind of duty; when ordered to take it easy, we refuse. Like Just William muttering "there oughter be a law about it" we feel that there oughter be a pill. This annoys doctors, whose training teaches them that often there isn't. They grow brusque, we grow resentful and the relationship goes ever farther downhill, with the odd extra push from a bossy Government.

Even so, there is one other possible contributory factor which niggles at those of us now in our forties (like so many GPs). During the 1970s, medical schools seemed to grow fixated on academic excellence. They demanded glittering A grades, ignoring character. In my generation, several steady, bright, and deeply vocational young men and women were turned down as medical students, while superbright, impatient, ambitious ones (who regarded being a GP as a kind of failure) got in.

And what next? We know only too well the brutal system of long hours they were put through; we know, anecdotally, how little in the way of human values and compassion gets taught in most medical schools. Which makes it all the more of a human miracle, educationally and socially, that so many doctors got through the system, and have worked inside it.

The celebs who are waiting for Woody

Kate Muir drops into New York's latest hotspot where the literati and the Briterati come to eat and pose

The air is like a warm bath on a Sunday night on New York's Upper East Side. The beautiful and the rich are returning from their weekend homes in the Hamptons. Under a red canopy, a newly-opened restaurant glows on the cusp of confirmed trendiness. Yellow cabs cluster outside and the word "darling" keeps falling from the doorway.

Through the window there is a scene which already looks set in sepia — yellowing walls and lights covered with old newspapers and comfortable leather banquettes covered with, among others, author Gita Mehta, a smattering of actors, a scriptwriter, and someone from *The New Yorker*.

Since The Kiosk restaurant opened four days ago, it has been packed with the literati and the Briterati: Helen Mirren rolled in; Gita brought her publisher husband Sonny; Peter Ayres dropped by out of the English production of *Hamlet*, as well as Ian Holm and that girl from the film *Muriel's Wedding*.

Who can be the hostess of a spot already hot before it even has the chance to warm up? Who but Nell Campbell, the table-dancing Anglo-Australian owner of the Eighties' downtown nightclub Nell's, now reincarnated uptown for the Nineties.

Nell (never Ms Campbell) is one of those people like, say, Elizabeth Hurley, who is famous for merely being famous. With immaculate timing, she opened Nell's in 1986 when Manhattan was at its most decadent and excessive before the Wall Street crash.

Decorated like a gentleman's club, with oriental rugs, panelling and leather sofas, Nell's had a strict door policy, and anyone she did not find amusing or outrageous was cast aside. Cher did not make it — "too much fringe", says Nell. Eddie Murphy was sent away because he refused to pay the cover charge of $10, and nor were exceptions made for Madonna or Mick Jagger. Brat novelists Bret Easton Ellis, Jay McInerney and Tama Janowitz drew on the club for various scenes. You get the picture.

Time is not kind to nightclubs, and although Nell's survives to this day, its glitzy clientele does not. Instead, they have grown up. They go to restaurants for conversation. They use chablis rather than cocaine. Yet, somehow, they found the Upper East Side just a touch staid. What they needed was a club for people like themselves.

Nell says she will be available to discuss such matters at 3pm on Monday, but when I arrive, she is all in a panic. "Darling! Woody's casting agent called. She wants me to go and see him this afternoon." Her voice rises: "And I must have a manicure."

We place the tape recorder among the nail varnish and cuticle cream at a beauty salon round the corner. This being the Upper East Side, grand ladies are having their hair backcombed, while pooches lurk under the swivel chairs.

Nell says Woody Allen is casting his latest film right now, and surely her early acting experience in the *Rocky Horror Show* and, more recently, playing a promiscuous actress for five months off-Broadway should stand her in good stead? "Apparently he doesn't meet your eye," she says. "He just looks you in the stomach. Maybe I'll put a Kiosk postcard there and he'll notice."

> 'I haven't danced naked on the tables for a bit'

This conveniently brings us to the second part of Nell's plan — to whip the title of most celebrity-studded restaurant from Elaine's, also on the Upper East Side. Mr Allen is, of course, Elaine's favourite customer, and featured the restaurant in his film *Manhattan*. The crowd was always full of actors and writers — Elaine Stritch tended the bar one slow summer and Norman Mailer and Gay Talese were regulars.

Now Elaine and her 30-year-old restaurant are getting a little long in the tooth. The food is expensive and dated, as are the Seventies magazine covers on the bathroom walls. If the Woodster, as they call him here, were to walk a few blocks south from Elaine's to The Kiosk, who knows what or who might follow? "I don't mean for it to be a kind of personality-based restaurant," she says. "I just want it to have great atmosphere." But her actions belie this.

Even if Nell never becomes a character in an Allen film, she behaves like one. At forty-something, with a Louise Brooks red bob and an acerbic wit, she delivers charming greetings and wicked asides in a deadpan half-English, half-Australian accent.

She looks out from under an old-fashioned Dalek-shaped hairdryer and growls: "There are too many small dogs up here. I don't like it." Indeed, there are dozens of peke and poodle-like animals which seem unable to walk, but are carried under their mistresses' arms.

Upper East Side, however, is where the money is, and Nell and her co-owners, Lynne Wagenknecht and Eamon Roche, wanted to bring some downtown style uptown. (Roche, a sculptor, is also Nell's younger man.) "We didn't want to create anything too formal like most of the places round here," she says, refusing any nail-polish. "We wanted the sort of neighbourhood bar where people go when they don't want to cook that night."

Seeing as dinner for two without dessert recently cost $88 (about £55), not cooking is by no means cheap. But, as Nell points out, no one cooks in New York — they either go out or get caterers. "Look — I went to make a cup of tea the other morning and I went to three cupboards before I found the one with the mugs in it. That's how long it's been since I cooked. I've been working round the clock."

In Nell's case, "round the clock" is no exaggeration. Her hours hostessing Nell's ran from 9pm to 5am. "I never saw daylight. I used to wake up at three and be faintly composed by five in the afternoon."

Where once she lay in bed in the afternoons worrying about which Vivienne Westwood to wear, now she rises in the morning wondering: "Did that fish have too much sauce on the side and how am I gonna get a better bus boy?"

Will Nell ever dance naked on tables again? "I haven't danced on the tables for a bit but that doesn't mean I'm not going to." She winks, and heads off to see Woody.

CAROLINA SALGUERO

Nell Campbell, table-dancing owner of The Kiosk restaurant: she wanted to bring some downtown style uptown

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Joanna Pitman on the curious lack of an imperial pregnancy for the Japanese Crown Princess

Why no patter of tiny feet?

TWO years ago this week, Crown Prince Naruhito, heir to the Japanese imperial throne, finally, after a six-year search for a princess, married Masako Owada, a prodigiously intelligent trade negotiator turned demure bride.

In the middle of recession and with little else to celebrate, the entire nation threw itself into the festivities, dutifully absorbing weeks of preparatory television coverage and diligently studying such royal wedding ephemera as the princess-to-be's third favourite jam recipe. On the day, the heavens smiled, the event passed without mishap, and everyone settled down to await the imperial pregnancy.

Ten months went by and a few magazines began seeing things — a certain pallor of the imperial complexion, a tendency to nap in public, a predilection for loose dresses — and concluded that an announcement must be imminent. Imperial baby-souvenir manufacturers and television documentary makers went on heir-to-the-throne red alert. But nothing happened.

Eighteen months passed and the cheekier representatives of Japan's generally well-behaved press began to make a few veiled references to the question of whether the honourable Crown Prince might not in fact be up to it. Still nothing happened.

Now the nation is puzzled. Could the heir-to-the-throne crisis perhaps be yet another divine punishment, along with the Kobe earthquake and the subway gas attacks, meted out on an errant Japan by Shinto gods angered by years of financial profligacy and sagging morals?

Princess Masako: baby duty not yet done

In Japan, getting straight down to baby production after marriage is not a matter of choice but a social obligation, doubly so for the eldest son who must continue the *honke*, or main trunk of the family tree. But for the eldest son of the Emperor, who will one day become Japan's 126th Emperor, this failure is being seen as a dereliction of national duty.

The prince is a thoroughly nice and diligent young man of 34 who had a relatively normal royal upbringing in Japan, and then spent two years at Oxford where he learnt to use money, ride a bicycle and make his own bed. His bride is likewise a studious type, the daughter of a top diplomat. Last December she celebrated her 31st birthday with a rare appearance before the cameras, and said: "From now on, I would like to fully carry out all my duties as the Crown Princess while helping the Emperor and Empress together with the Crown Prince."

AS IMPERIAL statements go, this was relatively hot stuff. The couple's romance, at least as reported in the press, had been conducted with impeccable formality. After the concert in 1986 when, as they say in romantic novels, Masako met her destiny, the pair had seen each other perhaps a dozen times and never alone. When she finally accepted the prince's proposal in 1993 ("not without misgivings", as she later confessed on television) she actually said: "I shall do my best to be of service to your highness."

Masako's single most important service, all Japan feels, is to produce an heir to continue the imperial line.

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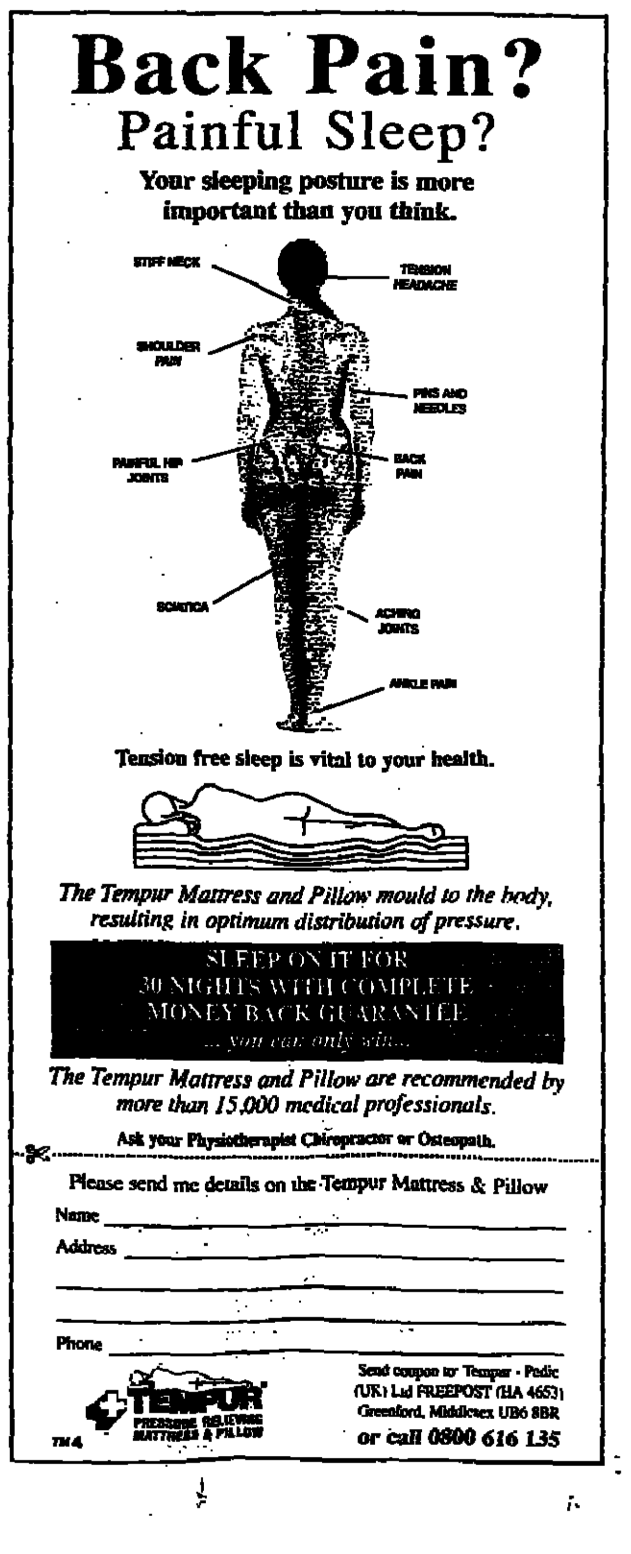

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Dodging the EMU questions

Yesterday's report was downright dishonest, says **Anatole Kaletsky**

To read yesterday's Kingsdown inquiry on Britain's potential membership of the European monetary union is to achieve a sudden insight into why British economic policy failed so catastrophically in the years before 1992. Lord Kingsdown, who used to be called Robin Leigh Pemberton, was Governor of the Bank of England throughout that period.

After reading yesterday's report, the Bank's failure to act as any kind of steadying counterweight against the increasingly maniacal monetary policies during this wayward period is all too easy to understand.

The Kingsdown report is economically incoherent and full of logical contradictions. At various points it argues, for example, that there is no logical link between a monetary and a political union and says there is no necessary reason why a single currency should impose constraints on the powers of Parliament to spend and tax in accordance with the democratic will.

Yet in its conclusions, the report repeatedly asserts that "the plan for EMU is politically-driven" and adds that it must be weighed "in terms of the broader considerations of European integration".

Worse still, the Kingsdown report is marked by the unctuous devotion to European consensus for its own sake and at almost any cost which did such immense damage to Britain's economic and intellectual life during the ERM period — and which still makes any defiance of conventional wisdom on monetary union in countries like France and Spain completely taboo.

> The vital question is: will monetary union work?

To apply economics to Lord Kingsdown's main conclusion — that Britain should join a single currency as soon as possible — is almost pointless. This is because his inquiry has quite deliberately hedged its terms of reference in such a way that sophisticated economic arguments simply cannot be applied. For Lord Kingsdown and his colleagues decided to address themselves to a "comparatively simple question". They "merely sought responses to the practical question: if other countries in Europe go ahead with a single currency, should Britain join them?"

To do this, they questioned a large number of businessmen and financiers, as well as a handful of Establishment economists and politicians with reliably consensual views.

This seemingly down-to-earth approach — to eschew abstract philosophy and instead ask practical men practical questions — might superficially appeal to the pragmatic streak in the British character. But John Bull should take a close look at the fine print before signing up to Lord Kingsdown's main conclusion — that "if there is a monetary union, and if it works, it is in Britain's interests to be part of it". For that little phrase "if it works" was not dropped by accident into the report's recommendation.

In fact, the committee took at the outset an all-important decision which completely discredited its entire approach. This was the decision not "to go back to first principles and ask absolutely basic questions like Is Monetary Union a Good Idea?" Again this is a phrase designed to appeal to robust common sense: the British have always prefered solving practical problems to debating "absolutely basic questions".

But in the argument over EMU this down-to-earth approach guarantees disaster. First, it diverts the debate away from all the important arguments about monetary union and focuses attention on relatively trivial matters.

The three most important issues regarding a single currency are whether it would produce steady economic growth or long-term depression, whether it would lead inexorably to a political union, and whether it would allay or intensify nationalist rivalries in Europe.

Without having a clear view on these three issues it is literally impossible to say anything worthwhile about whether or not Britain should join. Yet these are the kind of "absolutely basic issues" the Kingsdown report deliberately fudges. Instead it expresses strong (though largely unsubstantiated) views about the alleged costs to industry and the City of being left out of EMU and about the misery for ministers of diplomatic isolation in the EU.

The second danger of Lord Kingsdown's pragmatism is more insidious and perhaps even more important. If the debate on EMU turns into an argument over political tactics and timing, the decision to join is in danger of becoming a *fait accompli*. This is exactly what has already happened on the Continent of Europe — with disastrous consequences not only for monetary policy but also for the credibility of democratic politics in countries such as Spain and France.

The "practical" approach to discussing monetary union, encouraged by Lord Kingsdown, and vigorously promoted by the European Commission in the recent green paper, is to discredit all principled opponents of monetary union as impractical dreamers — just as the notorious Madrid Conditions of 1990 marginalised Lady Thatcher in her opposition to membership of the ERM.

For a supposedly authoritative commission to claim to have reached a conclusion on Britain's EMU membership without forming a view on how EMU would work is like a judge deciding whether a man should be hanged, shot or decapitated without bothering to decide whether he is guilty or not.

It is simply dishonest for Lord Kingsdown to say that Britain should join EMU "if it works". First he must stick his neck out and predict that actually it will work — and define what exactly that would mean.

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Peter Brookes

When obstinacy is idiocy

Thirty years of anger, and all over a matter of a five-shilling fine

Bernard Levin

We have been here before, and it will go hard but we shall be here many times again. That, you may think, must be boring, but it isn't; indeed, the longer it goes on, the more fascinating it becomes. I, for one, hearing of it this time, plumped up the cushions, and had a decanter handy, in rich expectation, nor was I disappointed. And now you want to know what I am talking about. You shall.

The very headline is ripe for agogness, for it reads, in its entirety, "Postman harboured 30-year grudge over fine". Roll that round your mouth, shake your head, sigh audibly, look at the nearest person and inevitably look away. For a human being has passed this way, and another will shortly do so, and so will many, many others, until the earth stops going round and goes back to its original cold, and serve it right.

Meanwhile: "Postman harboured 30-year grudge over fine".

Thirty years? *Thirty?* And what, you obviously want to know at once, was the terrible thing that caused the terrible grudge? You shall know when I get to the point, though I think that some of you, having seen the answer, had wished that you had not.

Thirty years is a long time, and counting in days it comes to some eleven thousand. Eleven thousand? Do it in hours, and it comes to more than a quarter of a million. And minutes? Call it sixteen million, and don't bother with the seconds.

But you must bother now, because the human being takes over; the Reluctant Postman's heart beats at roughly the same rate as his opponent's, which is some seventy-five times a minute. Oh, dogged postman, how are you at arithmetic? For if you have even a smattering of that simple mystery, you will be able to say how many times your heart has beaten in those thirty awful years, and beats yet.

Very well. Thirty years ago, postman Martin Fitzgerald was reported by a policewoman for riding his bicycle after dusk without lights; the policewoman's name was Stella Kilvington. For the offence he was fined five shillings.

Five shillings.

Five shillings.

I see blank faces around me; all right. "Shillings" were coins, five of which in today's currency would be 25p. He had been fined 25p and for thirty years, thirty years, he had nursed a hate of the officer who booked him, all the while insisting that he had not broken the law.

Time went by for you and me and the world, and indeed for Policewoman Kilvington, who retired from the force in 1966. But it did not go by for Martin Fitzgerald. For him, time had stopped thirty years ago, and still the thought of the five shillings burnt in his pocket and "Still it cried, 'Sleep no more!' to all the house: Glamis hath murdered sleep, and therefore Cawdor Shall sleep no more. Macbeth shall sleep no more!"

The years passed; and still no recompense came for him; Policewoman (retd.) Kilvington had long forgotten everything about the five-shilling fine, which only stoked the fires for Mr Fitzgerald, as he went deeper and deeper into oblivion, until he could bear oblivion no more. He would tear off the bandage and make his enemies see the bruises. He did, by sending offensive Christmas cards, until the law stepped in. And now if you have shivers, prepare to shiver them now, for law or no law , nothing could shake his immovable belief that he was right and everybody else was wrong. From beginning to end his flag flew, and from beginning to end, it said "I am right". Now just for a moment, let us try to put ourselves in Mr Fitzgerald's place. We deny the charge, we go red in the face, we splutter with anger when we go into the dock, knowing that we are innocent and that we did *not* ride a bicycle after dusk without lights. And then, when Pelion has been piled on Ossa, we are fined 25p. We go home raging at the injustice, we swear very shockingly, we say things about the magistrate that the magistrate's young children should in no circumstances hear, and for days, perhaps weeks, a month even, we growl at the wrongdoing, and then we get on with our lives — though occasionally, perhaps once a year something jogs our memory — and we mutter about "that bloody copper" and put our thumbs to our noses.

That is what we do; but it is not what Mr Fitzgerald does, and what I want to know is exactly where the chalk line runs: where we remain on one side and he the other.

Obstinacy: we are all obstinate about something, but we do not destroy our lives over it. Injustice: there is enough injustice to fill the world, our little drop would not be noticed. Envy: he has much, I have little, I burn with the way the world has been made, but I promise to work harder and get more. Dishonesty: he didn't get that huge house and Rolls-Royce honestly, and so what? Luck: Why don't I get it, when my neighbour does, because that's how the luck goes. Oh, yes, we have all crossed our arms and played Luther at Worms; here I stand. But we go indoors if it starts raining. A very dear friend of mine, many years ago, was embroiled in a matter in which he was being swindled by a crook. There was no doubt at all that the crook was swindling him, but my friend alarmed me by saying that if all fails he would kill the crook. I looked at my friend, and I suddenly realised that he meant it.

I spent the night talking him out of murder, and as a *bonne-bouche* persuaded him to give in to the swindler altogether.

There is a much grimmer story of those who will not give in: it is the terrible picture of Hitler, in the last hours, with a map in his hand that was disintegrating as he twisted it, demanding to know "When will Wenck and Ninth Army join?", though he was in the bunker and there was no Wenck and no Ninth Army left.

There are, to be sure, examples of heroic obstinacies: who would not admire the Spartans at Thermopylae? And, a few steps down, we must, however grudgingly, admire that tiresome nuisance called Charles de Gaulle.

One of these days, I shall write a book called *How to give in gracefully*, but it will be a tremendous flop. (Tim, the beloved cat of my infancy, would royally wave away a mouse, but that was because it was beneath his dignity to kill it.)

But human beings — oh, human beings! Let us go back to the beginning with the postman and his grudge.

There is something that I did not tell you at first, and I shiver again when I tell you now. When Mr Fitzgerald was prosecuted he was 52 years old. That means that he was 22 when he had his brush with the law. At 22 did he really give up his future to spend his entire life pursuing five shillings, or did he just stoke the fire from time to time?

> Truly to speak, and with no addition,
> We go to gain a little patch of ground
> That hath in it no profit but the name.
> To pay five ducats, five, I would not farm it;
> Nor will it yield to Norway or the Pole
> A ranker rate, should it be sold in fee.

But it seems Mr Fitzgerald thought it worth most of his life to nurse his grudge where they "Have in these parts from morn til even fought, and sheath'd their swords for lack of argument".

Well, our hero did not lack argument; for him, there was one cause, one fight, one victory. I wonder whether he brandished his grudge among the villagers where he lived and worked, or hugged his burning outrage lest someone might come along and pour water on it? It cannot be that he found himself a failure when it all happened, because he was only 22, and it would be a very gloomy youngster of that age who was already despairing. But then, when evening came and he rode his bicycle without lights — or with lights for that matter — his world and life more or less ended.

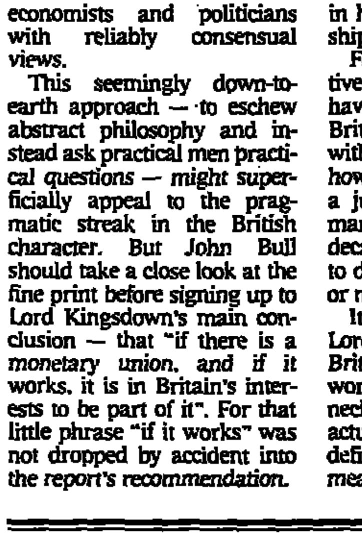
What waste! What tenacity! What folly! Did he waver at moments — perhaps at anniversaries? Did he ever think that *he* might have made a mistake in the first place? We all make mistakes, so why not him?

Did he, does he, think that it was all worthwhile? Should we pity him? I do, surely, but for all I know he would spurn an outstretched hand. And — it is almost sacrilege to ask — has he given up his cause, or does he fight on still? But the waste! The waste!

Royal oats

ANDREW MORTON is again to make money out of the Princess of Wales. His latest endeavour has been a supplementary chapter to his most recent book *Diana: Her New Life*.

The 10,000-word account has been the subject of ferocious bidding among the tabloid newspapers which one would expect to be interested in such lip-smacking literature. The auction finally saw Morton's finely-honed prose reach a sum of about £50,000 or £5 per word.



"They're trying to make night visits more viable"

Newspaper sources confirmed that the book had been sold. Sir Nicholas Lloyd, Editor of the *Daily Express*, said however that his paper was not the lucky winner of the auction. "Morton is ludicrously expensive," he spluttered.

Little is being said about the content of Morton's latest typing efforts. Yesterday, his publisher Michael O'Mara was unusually coy about the addition to the sequel. "I do not have any comment at all," said a spokeswoman. As the Princess is known to have become fed up with Morton's interest in her career, he clearly has more difficulty in reporting her everyday activities. He is expected to reveal, however, an exciting new detail of the Princess's behaviour: she tucks into a bowl of muesli at breakfast.

● LUCIAN Freud could be found studiously inspecting the paintings of fellow artist Michael Tree at Lumley Cazalet Gallery on Wednesday evening. Tree is married to the Duke of Devonshire's youngest daughter Lady Anne and a portrait in oils of their daughter Esther was being much admired by Freud and others. "My husband already owns that one," she laughed. "I'm trying to persuade him to buy one of my father's sketches of me now."

THE TIMES DIARY

Brave lady

ONE OF the worthy award winners at the Catholic Women of the Year awards in London yesterday was Sally Trench who, even after capture and torture at the hands of Serbs, has persevered in helping the stricken in Bosnia. At the Russell Hotel yesterday she was reconciled with a childhood adversary.

At 15, Trench was expelled from the Convent of Our Lady at St Leonards-on-Sea after illicit nighttime visits to see a horse. The decision was taken by Mother Mary Peter. Among those, including the Duchess of Norfolk, who welcomed Trench to the awards was Sister (as she is now) Mary Peter. "It was a small school and you had too strong a personality for us," said the nun forgivingly. "She was very wild but wrote very nicely."

Mellor's tale

AS the unauthorised biography of Mark Thatcher, *Thatcher's Gold*, returns to the bookshops after a legal blip, one of its authors has been approached to do a follow-up: the life and loves of David Mellor. Former *Private Eye* journalist Paul Halloran has been asked to write the life story of the fun-loving MP. While interested, he is slightly embarrassed that he and Mellor currently share the same publishers, Simon & Schuster. "A considerable advance has been spoken of," says Halloran. "I am considering my position."

Evens Evans

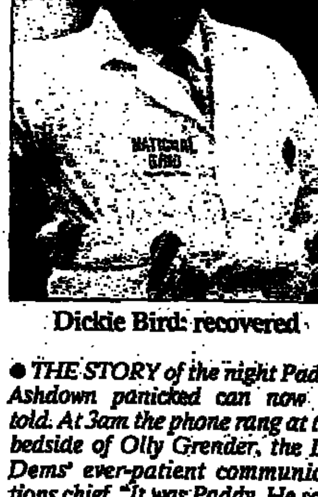
THOSE LOOKING for an extra wager at the Derby tomorrow may care to consider a flutter on the outcome of a special off-course event. Among the guests at a picnic hosted by Lester Piggott in a marquee at Epsom are Pierce Brosnan, the new James Bond, and the hyperactive Radio 1 presenter, Chris Evans. To date, they have not hit it off.

On his breakfast show recently Evans gave a curt opinion of the 007 actor, accusing him of chatting up his girlfriend, the lissom Suzi Aplin, at a party. A spokeswoman for Brosnan retorted: "Chris should have been flattered that Pierce found his girlfriend so appealing." Bunfight aficionados should study the form carefully.

Flies back

EVEN MORE than normal Dickie Bird was being careful not to put a foot wrong out on the Headingley wicket yesterday. Cricket can be a dangerous game even for umpires and their doyen is only just match-fit again after a nasty injury sustained during a Yorkshire and Cambridge University match.

"I was running and got into some old footholes. My knee came up like a balloon," he says. Thanks to delicate keyhole surgery, he has made a full recovery. "The surgeon found a lot of rubbish on the knee — there is you know — and washed it out."



Dickie Bird: recovered

● THE STORY of the night Paddy Ashdown panicked can now be told. At 3am the phone rang at the bedside of Olly Grender, the Lib Dems' ever-patient communications chief. "It was Paddy. He said he thought an IRA bomb had gone off," said Grender at her farewell party on Wednesday night as she departed for the housing charity, Shelter. "He kept on saying: 'Check it out. I'm sure a bomb's gone off.' I told him it was a clap of thunder. Then we both laughed hysterically."

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Philip Howard

■ Elementary, my dear Watson, I'm a closet Frog

It must have been early in June of the year 1995 that I made my way back to our old set of rooms at 221B, Baker Street. My practice was quiet, and frankly I needed to escape from the unintelligible forms that our group practice manager, an efficient young woman in rimless spectacles, kept on giving me to fill in.

When I opened that familiar door, as usual I was engulfed by a blue cloud of tobacco smoke. But it was even more pungent than Holmes's customary coarse shag. I was astonished to see the great detective puffing a Gauloise in a long holder. And instead of his deerstalker and Inverness cape, he was wearing a beret and what our French neighbours describe so quaintly as *un smoking*, with a frilly magenta shirt that would have raised eyebrows (and blackballs) at the Diogenes Club.

Accustomed as I was to my friend's mastery of the arts of disguise, I was overcome and collapsed into the well-worn leather armchair. "*Mon vieux*," cried Holmes, "I regret a thousand times to have startled you. Ring the bell. Let us restore you." But the bell was answered not by the matronly form of Mrs Hudson but by a young Frenchwoman with a skirt and manner shorter than would have found favour with our old landlady. "Fifi," cried Holmes, "a drink for Dr Watson. I am afraid we have run out of your medicinal whisky. But I can recommend our sweet apéritifs and sirops."

"Holmes," I gasped, "what is going on? Why are you playing a stage Frenchman? I am inclined to think . . ."

"You should do so," Sherlock Holmes remarked sharply. "Read these." And he tossed over a bundle of dog-eared press cuttings. But they came not from his old hunting-ground of human drama, the Agony Column of *The Times*, but from foreign journals with unfamiliar print and strange names such as *Le Figaro* and *Le Canard Enchainé*. And they reported that the French have at last taken up my friend in a big way, and now run 135 Sherlock Holmes societies. They are named after the Franco Midland Hardware Company Limited (La Quincaillerie Franco-Midlands), the company in *The Stockbroker's Clerk* that supposedly operated 134 branches in France.

"Remarkable," I ejaculated. "Banalité," said Holmes. "You yourself noticed in your account of the case you misguidedly chose to call *The Greek Interpreter* that my grandmother was the sister of the French artist, Joseph Vernet. If you were not so damnably monoglot in the Anglo-Indian of the Raj, you might have picked up further clues of my French connection."

"By Jove," I cried. "I do remember your tracking and arrest of Huret, the Boulevard assassin, and your letter of thanks and the Order of the Legion of Honour from the French President."

"But, my dear old Chota Peg," said Holmes, "have you not noticed that I frequently use French words and phrases? Do you not recall to yourself how I deduced that the note in *A Scandal in Bohemia* could not have been written by a Frenchman? And I was right. It turned out to be from the King of Bohemia. How about the months I spent at Montpellier doing research into the coal-tar derivatives? In what you erroneously described as my *Final Problem* with Professor Moriarty, the Napoleon of crime, where did I write from?"

"From Nîmes and Narbonne," I breathed. "Where I recall that you had been engaged by the French Government. By George, Holmes, you are nothing but a closet Frog."

A smug smile disturbed that hawk's face. "Not all literary figures attract clubs," said Holmes. "Such detectives as Inspector Maigret, Arsène Lupin, Rouletabille, and that ridiculous little Belgian who boasts of his little grey cells have no societies dedicated to proving their existence. For that you need a complex oeuvre. You need an opportunity for cod scholarship and silly titles. There must be a combination of Gallic logic with batty Anglo-Saxon imagination. Not all English literary or political expeditions across the Channel are satisfactory. But when it comes to the singular fan-dom of fiction, c'est élémentaire, mon cher Vatson. Nous sommes les immortels ainsi que internationals."

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CURRENCY CRUNCH

To join in European monetary union or not to join

The question of a single currency is quite unlikely to arise for some time, John Major declared yesterday. He could not be more wrong. The question of a single currency is on everyone's lips at Westminster already. The Cabinet truce may still be holding, but behind the baize doors, the jostling is as frantic as it was in the spring. The Prime Minister cannot escape its consequences.

Yesterday, a report was published by the Action Centre for Europe, grandly titled *The Kingsdown Enquiry*. Chaired by a former Governor of the Bank of England, it concluded that Britain should join a single currency, whatever the economic, political or constitutional implications, because the consequences of not joining would be too damaging. It even derided Britain's opt-out. Among the governing council members of ACE are Kenneth Clarke, David Hunt and Stephen Dorrell.

These Cabinet ministers cannot be held personally responsible for the views of the report's authors. But Mr Clarke himself asked Lord Kingsdown, known for his pro-single currency stance, to chair the inquiry. The ministers may be annoyed at the timing of the report but they cannot be too sorry that the pro-integration case is being made. Under the terms of the truce, no Cabinet minister, least of all the Chancellor, is allowed to express views on what is one of the most important issues for the future of Britain. They have to conduct their arguments by proxy: and they fear that the opposite case is being made by default.

For some months, Mr Major has been making noises that mollify party sceptics. He is now being advised that, if he wants to prevent a challenge to his leadership from Norman Lamont, he should promise that Britain would not enter a single currency in the lifetime of the next Parliament. When this idea was first mooted, Mr Clarke, Douglas Hurd and Michael Heseltine are said to have told the Prime Minister that it would be a great mistake. The other EU members would gang up against Britain in revenge, making it impossible for this country to achieve anything else in Europe. This is what the Foreign Office claims about anything that might annoy either France or Germany. And whether or not Mr Major believes it, he would be only human if he put his own survival above Mr Hurd's discomfiture in the Council of Ministers.

But the advantages of such a pledge would not just be personal. They would also be political. If Britain wants to retain the option to join a single currency in 1999 then, by the Maastricht timetable, it would have to rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism at the beginning of 1997. In a general election campaign in, say, autumn 1996, the Tories could promise that Britain would not rejoin the hated ERM, thereby putting Labour on the defensive. If Mr Blair still wanted the chance of entering a single currency in 1999, he would have to put sterling back into the mechanism: a highly unpopular political move.

Labour could still benefit from moving on to the ground that Mr Major had just vacated. It could portray itself as the party that was keeping options open, while the Tories had closed them off. But Mr Major could credibly retort that Britain would be better off observing a single currency in action for a few years: if it were a huge success and Britain were suffering from exclusion, then the option would remain of joining in a subsequent Parliament.

The Tory Euro-enthusiasts are still extremely unhappy about Mr Major making such a pledge. So far the opposition of Mr Clarke in particular seems to have acted as a block on the Prime Minister. But Mr Major, boosted by his recent robust performance over Bosnia, can afford to call his bluff. The balance of opinion in Cabinet has shifted towards the sceptics. There are enough Major loyalists and sceptics now for the Prime Minister to win a majority for such a position. Mr Heseltine's political ambition will doubtless ensure that he votes the right way. Messrs Clarke and Hurd will simply have to accept the views of their colleagues.

MANDELA'S SHOTS

Some good may come from the President's new humility

Candid or ill-advised, open or provocative, honest or arrogant: any or all of these words could describe Nelson Mandela's recent admission that he had last year instructed security guards at his party's headquarters in Johannesburg to defend the building against demonstrators from the Inkatha Freedom Party — "even if they had to kill people". Arguably, South Africa's President should not have made the admission at all. Certainly, his words have dented his prestige among those not of the African National Congress, and contributed to a loss by the ANC of the moral high ground to which it has long laid claim.

The latter is, in fact, a positive development. If Mr Mandela and the ANC now find it more difficult to preach to the IFP and the National Party and to talk down to them, they will find it more difficult also to ignore the proposals and criticisms which those parties make from time to time. The Government of National Unity, which has so far been little more than a vehicle for ANC hegemony, might now at last begin to live up to its well-intentioned name.

There has been heated talk in some quarters of prosecuting Mr Mandela for breach of the criminal law. Such talk should be dismissed as foolish: Mr Mandela is not the only person who needs to answer for the events which led to bloodshed on the streets of central Johannesburg last year. F.W. de Klerk was then President of South Africa and responsible for security. He was harsh in his criticism last year of those who marched on the ANC headquarters, and his silence in this week's debate indicates that fault lay not with the ANC alone.

Silent, too, has been Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, even as MPs from his party raged against Mr Mandela. Only a proper judicial inquiry will establish for certain the extent to which the IFP marchers gave serious enough provocation to the ANC's security guards. But provocation there was, as much in the event itself as in the violent and murky times in which the shootings occurred. This week's debate and confrontation have focused on the country's recent past: yet this past will poison South Africa's future if its leaders fail to purge the country's body politic of its tenacious venom.

On the defensive, and acutely aware that the political temperature had risen far higher than is healthy for the eve of important local elections, Mr Mandela convened a meeting of his ministers on Wednesday. Few Cabinet meetings can have been as tense as this one: but, as if aware that the country could fall swiftly into disorder, the President, Chief Buthelezi and Mr de Klerk agreed to temper the tone of their political rhetoric. A committee has now been formed — consisting of the three men and Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President — to look urgently into the problem of escalating violence in KwaZulu/Natal. As with the violence at the ANC headquarters, the strife in Chief Buthelezi's province stems from political disaffection. If Mr Mandela, in his period of humility, were to engage seriously with the Zulu question, some good will have come from his risky admission.

PIERS OF THE REALM

How Southend can survive the fire

The Victorians loved to walk on water. Thanks to their engineering ingenuity, their zeal for setting frontiers ever wider and a generous use of cast iron, they were able to indulge their passion around the country's coastline. As the middle classes flocked to the seaside, sleepy resorts responded with bathing machines, boarding houses, promenades — and piers. By the turn of the century, more than 100 girdered structures stretched out from the land, breezy and bracing, where winkle stalls, bandstands, penny-in-the-slot machines and deckchairs attracted trippers and defied waves below.

Fewer than half remain. Storms, erosion, neglect and accidents have taken a toll. Some piers, built to accommodate the coastal steamers, were partially demolished during the war to prevent enemy landings. Others were struck by vessels or sliced in half by runaway rigs. One of the worst threats has been fire — as Britain's longest pier, Southend, has again learnt to its cost. The blaze that destroyed the bowling alley on Wednesday was the third to engulf the pier since it was opened in 1889. Coming so soon after the £3 million restoration to mark the centenary of Southend's most celebrated landmark, the fire throws into jeopardy the future of all the rickety piers that have, over the years, been loaded down with pavilions, pubs, amusement arcades and dodgems.

As a species, piers are endangered. Any close inspection of the barnacle-encrusted supports and creaking oak slats would frighten the underwriters in this litigious age. Without the crowds that used to arrive in their millions, few are economic, and many are now a drain on municipal resources. They are no longer needed by steamers and pleasure cruisers. Long out of fashion, they have mostly been taken over by cheap funfairs, elderly anglers and karaoke to drown out the seagulls. They have lost even the quaintness of period vulgarity: the saucy postcard, the billowing bloomers, the toffee-apples and kiss-me-quick hats.

Yet especially in their twilight, piers are winning belated recognition of their daring and delights. Southend has announced that it will, yet again, restore its pier. Brighton has committed itself to keeping its Palace Pier going, though the marooned remnants of the West Pier await a deep-pocketed saviour. Colwyn Bay Pier has been bought by a local businessman who is spending £1.5 million on its refurbishment.

Money, as last, is becoming available for their preservation. Bangor Pier found salvation in European Union grants. Others have tapped the resources of English Heritage. Council taxes boost local conservation. And new benefactors have appeared: the National Lottery and the Millennium Fund. Piers must, of course, market themselves, and clear their decks of clutter. A funfair belongs properly on land, not as a fire hazard perched above the sea. But they offer the simple pleasures of fresh air, fishing and fun. The nation is again discovering these Victorian values around its coastline. Now is the time to save them from the waves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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World's involvement in the quagmire of Bosnia

From Professor Harry G. Gelber

Sir, Some of the current breast-beating about Britain's and Europe's "powerlessness" in Bosnia seems uncommonly silly.

At the height of Britain's power, in the late 19th century (and in spite of Gladstone's justified worries about Bulgarian massacres), the idea that Britain could pacify the Balkans would have been universally considered preposterous. The Balkan wars of 1911-13 ran their course without Western intervention. The Germans and Italians (no doubt fortunately) quite failed to subdue the region during the Second World War.

There are three conditions, and only three, under which conflicts like the one in Bosnia could end. There might be agreement among the parties, possibly only after they are sufficiently exhausted. There might once more be a strong and entirely unsentimental local ruler like the late Marshal Tito. Or the region might be incorporated into an empire (by that or any other name) able and willing to keep the peace.

That might be an Austro-Hungarian or Turkish empire, as in the past, or a possible Russian empire of the future. No doubt other forms of empire or quasi-empire are conceivable. But nothing in the constitution or record of the European Union suggests that any of its members have the faintest intention of developing it into such an entity.

It is also clear that Western objectives in Bosnia have changed. Apart from a continuing but subordinate concern with humanitarian issues, the West began by wanting to secure a peaceful settlement. The focus now is twofold: how to get out without loss of face, and how to stop the war (or the reviving Russian empire) from spreading.

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From Mr D. Barton

Sir, *Mr Ryder's reference to religious differences in Bosnia (letter, June 1) is simplistic. In Bosnia as in Northern Ireland, religion has been a cloak — or excuse — for essentially political ambitions, a convenient bogy with which to frighten the unsophisticated into one political camp or the other.*

In reality, religion as such is no more a source of political friction in the Balkans than it is in France, Germany, or Britain. Moreover, Bosnia is in no sense a theocratic state: like our own, it has embraced and accommodated all religions.

If it should ever become a host to militant Islam it will be entirely due to Orthodox Serb politicking and West European myopia.

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June 1.

From Mr S. P. Whitley

Sir, In his letter (June 1) about Bosnia, Mr George Thomas says that British soldiers should not be ordered to risk their lives in any UN operation "if Britain's national interest is not clearly at stake".

That principle, he must then allow, should apply to all soldiers of all nation states, the world over. But, if so, why bother about having a UN, or indeed a Nato, at all? Much simpler and more honest, surely, to revert, totally and avowedly, to the law of the jungle.

Yours faithfully,
S. P. WHITLEY,
Flat 2,
5 Palmeira Avenue, Hove, Sussex.
June 1.

From Mr Richard Braithwaite

Sir, Mr Chris Young (letter, June 5) believes that the Bosnian Serbs, by referring to the detained UN troops as prisoners of war, "have declared that a state of war exists between themselves and the United Nations". Such a state of war had, in effect, already been declared by the UN; *if their air strikes at Bosnian Serb targets, for right or for wrong, were not an act of war, I do not know what is.*

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
R. BRAITHWAITE,
73 Lodge Road,
Southampton, Hampshire.
June 5.

From Dr W. J. Rosenfelder

Sir, *It is sad to see in your report (later editions, June 5) that one of the reasons given by Treasury sources for resisting Mrs Shephard's bid for an extra £1 billion to be spent on education is the cost of "the escalating British involvement in Bosnia". Should we not get our priorities right?*

Yours sincerely,
WALTER J. ROSENFELDER,
44 Meadway,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.

Springing to the defence of barristers in the regions

From Mr Andrew Edis

Sir, As one of the regional barristers singled out for exceptional praise in your report of June 2, "Solicitors boycott slow and arrogant regional barristers", it is perhaps churlish to complain. However, since the article was unfair to the regional Bar generally, it would be wrong not to.

Your report was based on a small survey conducted by a magazine, *Legal Business*, which spoke to 40 solicitors, barristers and clerks throughout the country. Since the survey was concerned only with private-client commercial work (as opposed to crime, family, personal injuries and other civil work) it ought not to be used to stigmatise the regional Bar as a whole.

The fact that some solicitors do not believe that there is a good commercial Bar in a particular provincial centre is simply irrelevant to the quality of services provided by barristers practising there in other fields.

Your report refers to me as an exceptional "star". This is by no means the case. I thrive, in so far as I do, because I exist in a milieu of competent and competitive colleagues of equal, and in many cases greater, skill and experience.

The Liverpool Bar is quite rightly mentioned for special praise, but my experience is that Manchester also possesses an enormous reservoir of specialist legal expertise among barristers in all types of work including commercial work. I have no doubt that a strong regional Bar, such as already exists, is necessary to the economic, convenient and efficient administration of justice across the country.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW EDIS,
14 Castle Street, Liverpool 2.
June 6.

From Mr Roger Kaye, QC,
Chairman of the Bristol and Cardiff Chancery Bar Association

Sir, Your report fails to acknowledge the steady increase since 1982 in the number of well respected local specialist barristers in chancery and commercial work in Bristol and Cardiff.

These two Bars, combined with that of Birmingham, handle one third of all provincial chancery cases outside London; specialist chancery courts are established in all three cities, supervised by a regularly visiting High Court judge, and there are also mercantile courts in Manchester, Birmingham and Bristol, the latter in response to demand from local practitioners. The number of specialist barristers in Bristol has risen from six in 1982 to 24 in 1995, including two London QCs who regularly travel to the city in response to local demand.

In each of these cities there is a regular and constant dialogue between local barristers and solicitors through court users' committees, training sessions and other local initiatives — all aimed at improving the service to the client.

Chambers use advanced computer-based administration and information technology systems and "telecons" are common. Quill pens form no part of the provincial specialist barrister's armoury: you are more likely to find Internet or e-mail.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER KAYE,
Chairman, Bristol and Cardiff Chancery Bar Association,
St John's Chambers,
Small Street, Bristol, Avon.
June 5.

From Mr Jeremy Dable

Sir, "Survey exposes Dickensian Bar", you tell us. Mr Pickwick, who no longer gives his name when complaining to *The Times*, should step out of the past and visit Preston in 1995, where barristers send out their paperwork down modem lines and on computer disk.

I also beg to differ, being so very 'umble, with the unsupported assertion that arrogant regional barristers are uncompetitive on fees: compared with the older more traditional commercial sets in London we can compete quite comfortably.

Sadly we are unable to throw in a day's shopping in London.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY DABLE
(Barrister at law),
New Bailey Chambers,
10 Lawson Street,
Preston, Lancashire.
June 5.

Youth crime

From Mrs Diana Ellis

Sir, Mr East (letter, June 6) queries whether, as well as television, we can blame the huge rise in ownership of washing-machines and fridges for the concurrent rise in youth crime.

The obvious answer is that washing-machines and fridges do not "entertain" us with a near-continuous, graphic diet of violence, sex crime and every form of dishonesty, much of it presented as a normal, often acceptable, part of life.

There is such a thing as example, and TV presents all too few good ones.

Yours etc,
DIANA ELLIS,
11 Raven Drive,
Kettering, Northamptonshire.
June 6.

From Mr Ben Bryant

Sir, It would be reasonable for Mr East to take into consideration the amount of time children spend using the appliances he mentioned. This may help him to apportion the blame more fairly.

Yours faithfully,
BEN BRYANT,
Waterside,
West Bay, Bridport, Dorset.
June 6.

Sliced and wrapped

From Mr M. D. Jones

Sir, The Director of the Federation of Bakers writes (letter, June 8) that British-made sliced bread "exported to Paris daily is invariably sold out".

Why, for goodness sake, don't his members send more? Is this another case of British exporters failing properly to exploit a market?

Yours faithfully,
M. D. JONES,
9 Harewood Avenue,
Rochford, Essex.
June 8.

Private forestry

From Mr Rodney Whitaker

Sir, Lord Gisborough (letter, May 30) will receive widespread sympathy among private woodland owners, few of whom can have escaped altogether the trammels of bureaucracy. He is particularly unfortunate in having his woods subjected to local authority control, because his evident enthusiasm for hardwood silviculture is exactly in tune with government policy for private woodlands for at least the past decade.

He is, however, fortunate in having the option of planting softwood. In this district we count ourselves lucky to have, as Forest Authority private woodlands officer and as county council forestry officer, *enlightened and sensible practical foresters.*

Nevertheless, if one's woods happen to lie within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, or to be designated "ancient semi-natural woodland" (as is the case with my own small forestry estate), one must bow to the dictates of policy and replant with a minimum of 50 per cent hardwoods, the theory being that the softwood "matrix" is progressively removed in thinning until a pure hardwood final crop remains.

It is undeniably true that such requirements bring about advantages in landscape, conservation and sporting terms. The fact is, however, that the need of wood-using industry is overwhelmingly for softwood.

Recent forecasts indicate that production from existing forests and woodlands will peak about the end of the first quarter of the next century. It follows that planting, principally of softwood, must be stimulated now if the supply of wood to an industry in which there has been substantial recent investment is to be sustained. Happily, the Government appears to have recognised this fact.

For decades, the state and private sectors of forestry have worked side by side in a broad and fruitful partnership. It would be a tragedy if, as has appeared for the past decade to be the case, private forestry should be subjugated almost entirely to the interests of landscape and conservation.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY WHITAKER,
Totterton Forestry,
Totterton Home Farm,
Lydbury North, Shropshire.

From Mr Peter Harland

Sir, The Association of Professional Foresters sympathises with the problems aired by Lord Gisborough. It is worth adding that most forestry in the UK is strictly governed by the Forestry Authority (FA) whose expertise is highly regarded throughout the world. While foresters may complain about some conditions imposed on them, there is general agreement that this system is necessary and desirable.

All major forestry plans submitted to the FA go through a consultation process with a number of statutory bodies, including the planning authority. Planning officers should acknowledge that the FA ensures best practice wherever the woodlands are situated and that this is sufficient control. No felling or thinning can take place without FA approval.

The Woodland Grant Scheme (WGS) is a contract between the owner and the FA, agreed after consulting the planners, detailing work to be carried out and adherence to the Forest Guidelines. It is then understood that if a WGS is in place on a conservation area (or other designation), no further controls are required.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HARLAND
(Vice-Chairman),
Association of Professional Foresters,
7-9 West Street,
Bedford, Northumberland.

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Northern tongues ahead by a nose

From Mr Craig Sams

Sir, In your report (June 6) of the return of Orford Ness to popular access the geographical term "ness" is said to be derived from the French word *nez*.

However, ness as a geographical term antedates the Norman Conquest. The earliest English reference to a ness is *Hrones naesse* or "whale's nose", the mythical burial place of Beowulf, which in his dying words he hoped would be remembered as Beowulf's barrow.

The term, which occurs from Inverness to Dungeness and in Norway from Agdeness, near Trondheim, to Sandness, near Stavanger, reflects the roots of the word in Old English *naesse* or Old Norse *nes*.

While one sympathises with the French struggle to extirpate Anglicisms from their language, we should remember that much of Norman French was composed of latinised Anglo-Saxon terms.

We should certainly not attribute Old English terms to their French counterparts on the easy assumption that if a word exists in French it must have predated any English usage.

Yours sincerely,
C. SAMS,
269 Portobello Road, W11.
June 6.

Currency conversion

From Mr R. A. Kellaway

Sir, I wholeheartedly concur with the sentiments expressed by Mr Edward Reader (letter, June 5) about the currency conversion farce which currently prevails within the EC.

I am in the process of purchasing a retirement home in Spain and am facing the prospect of a paper increase in the price of the property of some £7,000 due to the weak position of sterling against the peseta.

This is despite the recent devaluation of Spain's national currency, and taking no account of the doubly penal charges levied for transferring the money through the international banking system, both in the UK and again in Spain.

As my fellow reader, Reader, stated — "roll on the ecu".

Yours faithfully,
R. A. KELLAWAY,
Peel House,
Coddenham, Ipswich, Suffolk.
June 6.

ENO successes

From Mr John Nickson

Sir, How can Anne McElvoy say, in her article on *Mahagonny* (Arts, June 7), that this "has not been the best of seasons for English National Opera" when we have been nominated for four awards, won the Olivier Award for Best Opera Production (*Khovanshchina*), seen attendances rise by over 25 per cent and made a financial surplus in 1994-95?

We and our public are enjoying ENO's best season for years. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is playing to packed houses and the public is clamouring for tickets for *Mahagonny* and *Tosca* before the season ends on July 1. Our spirits are high.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NICKSON
(Director of Public Affairs),
English National Opera,
London Coliseum,
St Martin's Lane, WC2.
June 7.

Living for today

From Mr Kit Johnson

Sir, As a student in the midst of exams, I find that today I am doing what I should have done yesterday, and tomorrow I have to do what I should have done today (letters, June 1, 5, 7).

Yours,
K. JOHNSON,
41 Sotheby Road, N5.
June 5.

From Mrs Rosemary Jones

Sir, Your procrastinating correspondents are unlikely to be parents of young children. I have to get everything done today, as there is always the possibility that tomorrow one of them will be off school with spots or other suspicious symptoms.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY JONES,
Furness Oak, Crouch House Road,
Edenbridge, Kent.
June 7.

From Mrs Janet Hancock

Sir, Having passed 65, how do I remember tomorrow what I put off doing today, when it has taken me two days to remember to post this?

Yours faithfully,
JANET HANCOCK,
Idle Cottage, 1 Bridge Cottages,
Llanfoist, Abergavenny, Gwent.

From Mr Nigel Mayor

Sir, I have no problem in putting things off because, as we all know, tomorrow never comes.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL MAYOR,
The Rambles,
Love Lane, Romsey, Hampshire.
June 7.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 8: His Excellency Dr Hussein Al-Amri was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Yemen to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Suleiman Ghanem (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mr Mahdi Al-Sakaf (Counsellor), Mr Abdulla Al-Montser (Counsellor), Mr Ahmed Rijal (First Secretary), Mr Mohamed Al-Afif (First Secretary), Mr Fadhl Al-Maghafi (Third Secretary) and Miss Fatima Al-Sakaf (Attaché).

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr James Daly was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Mrs Daly was received by The Queen.

The Baroness Thatcher was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Lady Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited the Cabinet Office and were received by the Cabinet Secretary (Sir Robin Butler).

The Countess of Airlie, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, City and Guilds of London Institute, this morning presented the 1995 City and Guilds Prince Philip Medal and Silver and Bronze Medals at Buckingham Palace and afterwards attended a Luncheon at the Connaught Hotel, London W1.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening opened the Genius of Wedgwood Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7.

Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 8: The Prince of Wales today visited Hull and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Humberside (Mr Anthony Bethell).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Victoria Dock Village.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, afterwards visited the Gipsyville state.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trusts, this afternoon attended a Festival of Youth at the Hull Ice Arena.

The Prince of Wales later visited Withernsea, North Humberside.

Mr Matthew Butler was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 8: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this morning was the Reviewing Officer at the Founder's Day Parade, the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

June 8: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Horrell on relinquishing the appointment of Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel David Baylis on assuming the appointment.

YORK HOUSE
June 8: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning visited the Fire Service College, Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Serc Baker, Bristol Road, Gloucester, and later visited Simon Access and Company, Gloucester Trading Estate, Hucclecote, Gloucestershire.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, President, this morning visited the Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon visited the Christie Hospital, Wilmslow Road, Withington.

The Duchess of Kent later opened the new Distribution Centre, Seton Healthcare plc, Stakehill Industrial Park, Rochdale, Lancashire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lancashire (Sir Simon Towneley).

The Duchess of Kent this evening took the Salute at the annual Beating Retreat, Horse Guards Parade, London SW1.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

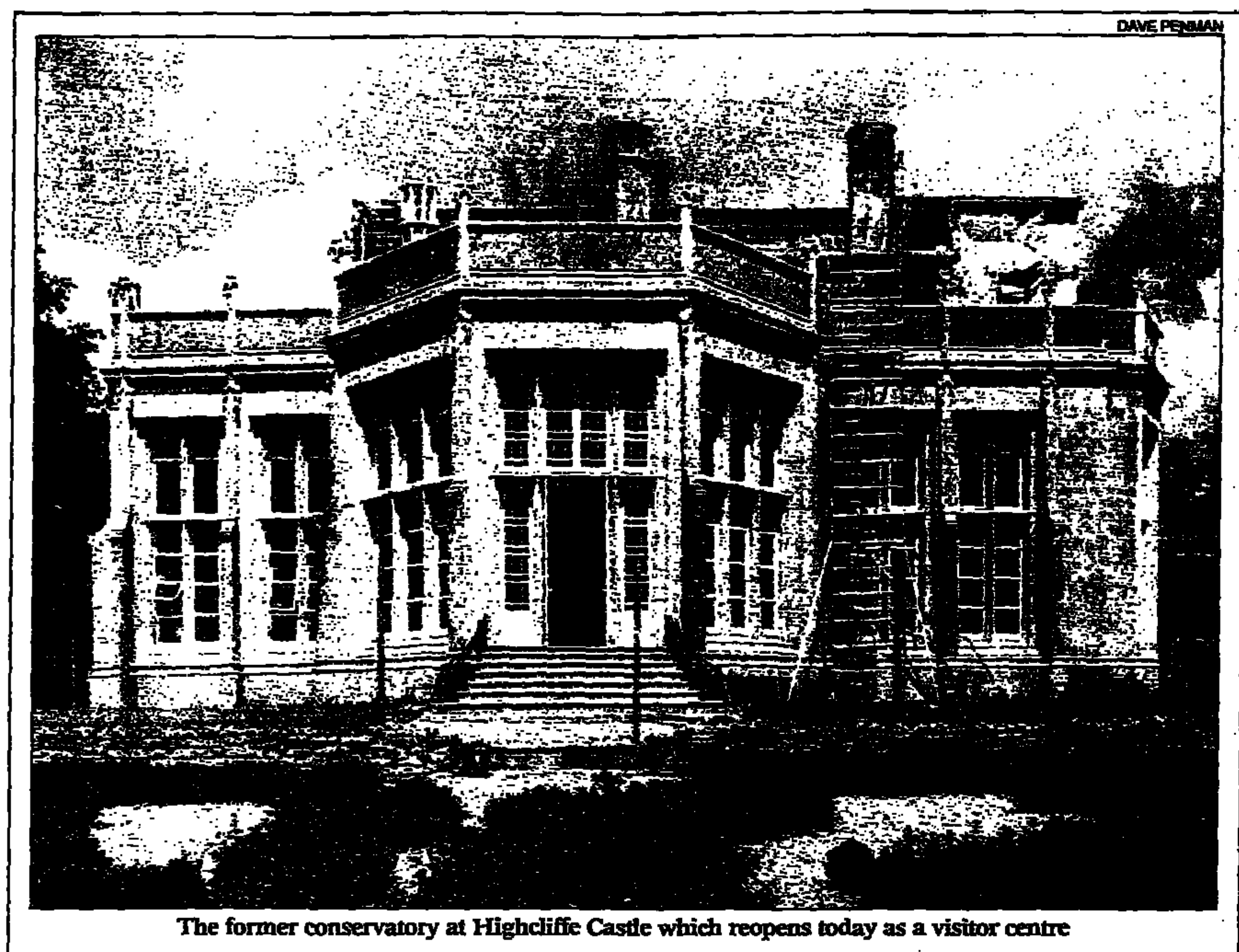
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 8: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited Avon and Somerset and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon and Somerset (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron of Action for Blind People, visited the Lauriston Hotel, Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare.

Princess Alexandra subsequently opened the refurbished complex, The Princess, at Burnham-on-Sea.

Finally Her Royal Highness, Vice President of the British Red Cross Society, attended a Garden Party given by the Somerset Branch at Court House, East Quantoxhead, Bridgwater.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.


DAVE PENMAN

The former conservatory at Highcliffe Castle which reopens today as a visitor centre

Lottery pays out £2.6m to restore castle

By John Young

A £2,650,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the continued restoration of the romantic 19th-century Highcliffe Castle, on the Dorset coast, was announced yesterday. The first stage of the restoration, a new visitor centre in the former conservatory, is to be opened by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu today.

The castle was built by Lord Stuart de Rothesay, grandson of the 3rd Earl of Bute, a Prime Minister under George III. In 1830, Lord Stuart commissioned William Donthorn to construct the castle, using local Portland and Purbeck stone but incorporating large segments of medieval stonework and stained glass that he had acquired in France. The two central towers were aligned to provide a spectacular view across to the Needles, with two angled wings on either side.

In its heyday the castle was a centre of English social life, and among its visitors were Edward VII, Kaiser Wilhelm II and William Gladstone. While staying at the castle in 1899 the then Prince of Wales was taken for a spin in a Daimler and promptly decided to order his first car.

After the Second World War the castle was sold, and until 1968 was occupied by a little-known order of monks, the Claretian Fathers. After a serious fire it was sold to developers who applied for consent to demolish it.

Consent was refused, but during the next nine years it was seriously vandalised, stripped of its interior fittings and reduced by a further fire to little more than a shell. In 1977 it was purchased by Christchurch Borough Council which opened the grounds to the public to mark the Silver Jubilee.

Although the castle was described by English Heritage as one of the most significant Grade One listed buildings at risk and of outstanding national importance, it was not until last year that the rescue operation finally got going. A charitable trust was set up to undertake the work with the aid of £1 million from the council and English Heritage.

Brian Rees, head of the project team, said yesterday that the award from lottery funds would secure the future of the castle and its continuing repair programme.

The project is by far the largest recipient of the second round of grants announced yesterday by Lord Rothschild, chairman of the Heritage Lottery Fund. The 18 grants total £5.1 million, and other recipients include the new Roald Dahl Children's Gallery in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire (£254,500), and the Ironbridge Gorge Museum in Telford, Shropshire (£400,000).

Lord Rothschild said that about 400 applications for grants had so far been received, totalling some £200 million, which was about the amount the fund expected to have to distribute in its first year.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. Beardmore-Gray and Miss S.L. Dreyer
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Duncan Beardmore-Gray, of Wark, Northumberland, and Sophie, daughter of Captain and Mrs Jeremy Dreyer, of Droxford, Hampshire.

Mr M. Clancy and Miss J. MacDonald
The engagement is announced between Michael, twin son of Brian and Maureen Clancy, of Timperley, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Iain and Margaret MacDonald, of Kilsyth.

Mr K.M. Gordon and Miss D.L. Sacks
The engagement is announced between Keith, elder son of Mr Peter Gordon and Mrs Ruth Gordon, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sacks.

Mr M.J. Hissey and Miss C.H. Bowskill
The engagement is announced between Michael Hissey, of Tonbridge, Kent, and Cassandra Bowskill, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr H.G.H. Ramsay and Miss L.H.C. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Hamish, son of Mr M.G. Ramsay, of London, and of Lady Newson-Smith and stepson of Sir John Newson-Smith, of Warminster, Wiltshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Richard Taylor, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr A.R.H. Scadding and Miss M.J. Reid
The engagement is announced between Andrew Robert Harold, only child of the late Mr and Mrs Harold Scadding, of Bristol, and Melanie Jane, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Reid, of The Cottage, Longforgan, Dundee.

Mr R.I. Smeeton and Miss J.V.H. Bell
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Smeeton, of Hampton, Middlesex, and Juliet, younger daughter of Mrs Ralph Hedderwick, of Leafield, Oxfordshire, and the late Major Michael Heward Bell.

The Hon H. Legge and Miss C.M. Hogg
The engagement is announced between Henry, youngest son of the Earl of Dartmouth, of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire, and the Comtesse Jean François de Chambrun, of Chateau de Garibondy, Le Cannet, France, and Cressida, younger daughter of Sir Christopher Hogg, of Mayfair, London, and Lady Hogg, of Holland Park, London.

Mr P.G. Williams and Miss R.K.J. Marshall
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of the Rev Dr and Mrs C.P. Williams, of Sheffield, and Rebecca, youngest daughter of the Rev and Mrs J.E. Marshall, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr T.G. Arcedeckne-Butler and Miss N.C. Rawoo
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 3, at St Nicholas Church, Wickham, Hampshire, of Mr Timothy Garnier Arcedeckne-Butler, son of the late Mr Michael Arcedeckne-Butler and of Mrs Jacqueline Arcedeckne-Butler, of Curlers, Wickham, Hampshire, to Miss Nathalie Catherine Rawoo, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Med Rawoo, of Round Hill, London. The Rev Arnold Hirst and Pasteur Leila Hamrat officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Peter and Oliver Hannon and Elenor and Alexander McIndoe. Mr Rajendra Ruia was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Captain M.P.R. Boyle and Mrs A.M.H. Seymour
A service of blessing took place at St Olave's Church, Gatcombe, Isle of Wight on Thursday, June 1, after the marriage of Captain Michael Boyle to Mrs Alexandra Seymour.

Mr J.M.R. Trott and Miss S.H. Boorer
The marriage took place in Staffordshire on Saturday, June 3, between Mr Julian Trott and Miss Helen Boorer.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will arrive at Crewe Station, Cheshire, at 9.50; will visit the Duchy of Lancaster Estate Office, Weston, at 10.15 and tour the estate.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron, will visit the Royal Burnham Yacht Club at 10.45 and will start the 1995 Royal Ocean Racing Club Burnham to Ostend race.

The Prince of Wales will visit Dupont Howson, Seacroft, Leeds, at 10.45; as President of Business in the Community, will visit the community centre at Ebor Gardens Estate at 12.05; and as President of The Prince's Trusts, will visit Brewery Wharf at 12.45 for an event highlighting the work of the trusts with young people in Yorkshire. Later, he will visit the Chapeltown Action Learning Centre at Chapeltown at 2.40.

The Duke of York will attend a dinner at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, at 7.30 to mark the 100th amateur golf championship.

Gala

London International String Quartet Competition
Princess Michael of Kent attended a charity gala concert by the Danel string quartet (Paris), arranged by the London International String Quartet Competition, in Middle Temple last night. She was welcomed by Mr Richard Sotnick, chairman of the competition. A champagne reception and dinner was held earlier in Middle Temple Hall. Among those presented were:

Lady Menuhin, The Right Hon Lord Taylor of Gosforth (Lord Chief Justice), Mr Russell Herbert (Executive Director of British Gas, the major sponsors of the competition), Mr Michael Cassidy (representing the Corporation of London) and members of the Board of Management.

University news

Oxford
Trinity College
Mr Michael Beloff, QC, has been pre-elected to be the next president of the college on the retirement of Sir John Burgh on August 1, 1996.

Birthdays today

Mr P.G. Beazley, MEP, 73; Mr Tony Britton, actor, 71; Viscount Craigavon, 51; Mr Edgar Evans, tenor, 83; Mr Michael J. Fox, actor, 34; Professor Geraint Gruffydd, former director, University of Wales Centre for Advanced Welsh and Celtic Studies, 67; Mr C.J.M. Hardie, former chairman, National Provident Institution, 57; Sir Peter Heatly, former chairman, Commonwealth Games Federation, 71; Mr Douglas Henderson, MP, 46; Mr Roy Hughes, MP, 70; Mr Derek Hunt, chairman, MFI Furniture Group, 56; Mr Roger Hurn, chairman and chief executive, Smiths Industries, 57; Mr Peter Kilfoyle, MP, 49; Sir Nicholas Lloyd, Editor, Daily Express, 53.

Mr Robert McNamara, former American Secretary of Defence, 79; Mr Michael Mates, MP, 61; General Sir Geoffrey Musson, 85; Mrs June O'Dell, former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 66; Mr Charles Saatchi, partner, M and C Saatchi 52; Mr Peter Sanders, former chief executive, Commission for Racial Equality, 57; Sir Douglas Smith, former chairman, Acas, 63; Mr Steve Smith Eccles, jockey, 40; Vice-Admiral Sir Patrick Symons, 62; Colonel J.F. Williams-Wynne, former Lord Lieutenant of Gwynedd, 87; Mr Peter Wilson, chairman, Gallaher, 54.

Service dinners

Indian Cavalry Officers' Association
Major Lord Newall was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Indian Cavalry Officers' Association held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Gray presided.

Coastal Command Halifax Squadrons
Flight Lieutenant J.A. Bell presided at the annual reunion dinner of the Coastal Command Halifax Squadrons held last night at the Yorkshire Air Museum, Elvington. Mr Ian Robinson, executive chairman of the museum, was the principal guest.

RAF Chaplains
The Rev P.R. Turner, Principal of the RAF Chaplains' School, presided at a dinner of the RAF Chaplains held last night at Amport House, Hampshire, to dine out the Ven Brian Lucas, Chaplain-in-Chief. Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert, Air Marshal David Cousins, the Bishop to HM Forces and the Chaplain-General of the Army were also present.

Dinners

University College London
Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, President of the Royal Society, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Ramsay Memorial Fellowships Trust held last night at the college. Professor Fred Bullock, Vice-Provost of University College London, presided.

Lady Atiyah, Sir Denis Rooke, Chairman of the Ramsay Trustees, and Lady Rooke, Professor Robin Clark, Chairman of the Ramsay Advisory Council, and Mrs Clark were among those present.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company
Sir William and Lady Macpherson of Cluny were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held last night at Drapers' Hall. Mr Bill Goldfinch, Master, presided. Sir William and Mr David Wallis, Senior Warden, also spoke. Among those present were:

Mrs Goldfinch, and the Masters of the Drapers', Musicians, Glaziers', Gardeners' Glass Sellers' and Launderers' Companies and their ladies.

Ball

The Naval and Military Club (The In and Out)
The Chairman and Board of the Naval and Military Club will host a Grand Summer Charity Ball in aid of the Ex Services Mental Welfare Society, The Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association and The Macmillan Appeal Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, to take place at the Naval and Military Club on Friday, July 28, 1995. Tickets £65 each. For further details telephone 0171 499 5163.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The Royal Society of Chemistry has made the following Awards, which were presented to the winners at a ceremony on Wednesday, June 7, at the Society's Headquarters at Burlington House, London, W1, by the President, Professor H. Purnell (University of Swansea):

The 1995 Bader Award for eminence in organic chemistry to Dr G W J Fleet (University of Oxford). The 1993/4 Corday-Morgan Medals and Prizes for young chemists contributing to experimental chemistry to Professor V C Gibson (University of Durham); Dr N S Simpkins (University of Nottingham); Dr T P Softley (University of Oxford). The 1994 Harrison Memorial Prize for chemical investigation by a young chemist to Dr A J Orr-Ewing (University of Bristol). The 1994 Meldola Medal and Prize for promising chemical work by a young chemist to Dr J R Durrant (Imperial College, London).

Furniture Makers' Company

Mrs J.A. Wright has been appointed Clerk to the Furniture Makers' Company with effect from June 7, 1995, on the retirement of Wing Commander G. Acklam, MBE.

Mr S.A. Ormrod

A memorial service in remembrance of Stefan Abbott Ormrod will be held at St James's, Piccadilly, London, at 3.00pm on Wednesday, July 5, 1995.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House for Mr Kablan Duncan, Prime Minister of Côte d'Ivoire.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr Gordon G. Thiessen, Governor of the Bank of Canada, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Stationers' Hall. Mr Soren Christensen, chairman of the chamber's financial services committee, presided. The Governor of the Bank of England, the Canadian High Commissioner and the Agents General for British Columbia and Quebec were among those present.

English-Speaking Union
Lord Young of Graffham was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Club/English-Speaking Union held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Lord Ezra presided.

Service luncheons

Lord Murton of Lindisfarne
Lord Murton of Lindisfarne was the host at a reception and luncheon held yesterday at the House of Lords for Officers of the Fifth Fusiliers and their ladies. Major-General R.E.T. St John received the guests.

Ladies' Naval Luncheon Club
Lady Brown, Chairman of the Ladies' Naval Luncheon Club and the Ladies' Naval Charitable Trust, presided at the summer luncheon held yesterday at the Dolphin and Anchor Hotel, Chichester.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia 1682-1725, Moscow, 1672; George Stephenson, builder of the Rocket, Wylam, Northumberland, 1781; Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, physician, advocate of women's rights to practise medicine, first woman mayor in England, (Aldeburgh), London, 1836; Cole Porter, songwriter, Peru, Indiana, 1893.

DEATHS: Nero, Roman Emperor AD54-68, Rome, AD68; Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak 1841-68, Burrator, Devon, 1868; Charles Dickens, novelist, Gadshill Place, near Rochester, 1870; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Leatherhead, 1964; Dame Sybil Thorndike, actress, London, 1976.

Britain took a 99-year lease on the New Territories, Hong Kong, from China, 1898.

Donald Duck made his screen debut in The Wise Little Hen, 1934.

Church news

Canon Edwin Ronald Barnes, Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford, to be appointed to the Suffragan See of Richborough, one of three sees created last year to provide additional pastoral care to those members of the Church of England opposed to the ordination of women priests.

Meeting

The Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor
The annual meeting of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor was held yesterday at Butchers' Hall before the annual service of dedication at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield. The Bishop of London, prelate, gave an address.

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BIRTHS

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CAMM - On 3rd June to Lucy (née Vigne) and John Camm, in Nairobi, Kenya, a son.

DENNETT - On 3rd June at Lincoln Hospital, to Sallie (née Heptinstall) and Christopher, a daughter, Philippa Jane.

de WINTON - On May 23rd, to Sophie (née Elwes) and Thomas, a daughter, Honor Patricia.

DUNNE - On 5th June 1995, in Hong Kong, to Domenica (née Fraser) and Philip, a son, Thomas Hugo Rendel, a brother for Evelyn and Matilda.

KING - On 6th June, to Christine (née Derbyshire) and David, a daughter, Hester Grace Derbyshire, a sister for Henry.

KING - On 29th May, to Julia (née Brocklesby) and Stephen, a daughter, Olivia Louise Evelyn, a sister for George.

LEATT - On 28th May 1995 at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Carol (née Stillabeer) and Allen, a son, Hugo Frederick William.

LEE - On 5th June 1995, to Catherine (née Wilcox) and Mark, a daughter, Rebecca Helen Mary.

LESLIE - On 27th May, to Linda and Bryan, at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, a daughter, Catriona Margaret. Aunt for Stephanie Katie and Natasha.

MATTHEWS - On May 30th, to Lucy (née Lansdown) and Simon, a son, George Simon, a brother for Hannah and Jessica.

QUIGLEY - On 5th June, to Caroline (née Losse) and Mark, a son, James Aidan.

SAMUEL - On 30th May 1995, at Lewisham Hospital, to Fay (née Francis) and Edison, God's gift of a son, Kyle Edison Evans, a brother to Theodore and Jason.

TAYLOR MYERS - On June 4th at Queen Charlotte's, to Vicky and Keith, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, a sister for Matthew.

DEATHS

BARNES - On June 4th, Cecilia, in her 44th year, wife of Robert. She will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends both in England and in France. The funeral will be held at Tardebigge Church, Worcestershire, on Monday June 12th at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if you wish to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX.

BURSTON - John Ernest, on 7th June 1995, peacefully at home in Sunbury after a courageous fight, adoring husband of Jean, devoted father of David, Isobel and Richard, a dear father-in-law and grandpa. The funeral service will be at St George's Church, Hanworth, on Thursday 15th June at 12 noon, followed by cremation at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth. Enquiries about flowers or if desired donations (to RMA City of London please) to Lodge Bros., Funeral Directors, tel: (01932) 785402.

CARY - On 6th June, peacefully at home in Brixham, aged 87 years, Constance Mary, much loved mother of Lucius, Viscount Falkland, and grandmother of Alexander, Camilla, Samantha, Lucinda and Charles. Short service at Churston Ferrers Church at 2.30 pm on Tuesday, 13th June.

CONWAY - Lionel Conway D.F.C. Passed away peacefully on June 6th after a long illness borne with great courage. Dearly beloved husband of Rosita and adored father of Paul-Daniel. He will be forever missed but always in our hearts. Also deeply mourned by mother-in-law Rita Baris, Delia, Rachel, family and friends.

CRITCHLEY - On June 6th 1995, peacefully at his home in Buckland Newton, Dorset, Cyril Fletcher (Peter) aged 85 years. Much loved by family and friends. Funeral Service at Yeovil Crematorium on Friday June 16th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Grassby F.S. Dorchester. tel: (01305) 262338.

COX - Peter John passed on at home on Tuesday 6th June. Always loved by Linda, Tamalie and Tory. Thanksgiving Service on Monday 12th June.

FITZWILLIAM - Joyce, widow of 10th Earl, on 7th June, aged 97. Funeral Requiem Mass at St Peter's and All Souls' Church, Geneva Street, Peterborough, Wednesday 14th June, 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

FOWLER - On 7th June 1995, Gizella, wife of the late Keith. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, SW3, on 16th June at 11 am. Burial to take place on 19th June at Borough Cemetery, Tunbridge Wells at 12 o'clock. Enquiries to Brain & Gamble. (0171) 385-7625.

FOX - Allan Spencer, tragically fell to his death on 3rd June 1995 in mountains above Laveno, Lago di Maggiore. He will be so sadly missed.

GIBBY - On 6th June, peacefully in Marlow, Mrs A.N. (Nellie) Gibby FLS, CChem MRSC, late of Durham City, aged 94; beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Tuesday 13th June 2 pm Amersham Crematorium. Family flowers only.

GOODRIDGE - On June 3rd 1995, suddenly at home, Neville in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Barbara, father of Martin and Christopher, grandfather of John, Paul and Michael, great-grandfather of Emily. Cremated, Skipton, on June 7th. Donations to NABC for NBC Anniversary Fund, 369 Kennington Lane, London SE11 5QY.

HOWARD - On June 6th at home in Winchester, Geoffrey aged 67, beloved husband of Kay and much loved father and grandfather. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at the Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Friday June 30th at 2.30 pm. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

HAMLIN - On June 7th 1995, after a long illness bravely borne, Joyce, dearly loved wife of the late Ian, beloved mother of Jocelyn and Angela and devoted grandmother of James and Joanna. After a private cremation a Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, Chelsea, London SW3, on Tuesday June 13th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Alzheimers Disease Society. Donations and enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: 0171-387 6075.

KING - On June 4th, in a car accident in Dubai, Roger, dearly loved husband of Zena, eldest son of Francis and Jenny King of Richmond. Funeral at Richmond Parish Church, St Mary Magdalene, at 2.30 pm on June 15th. Flowers or donations to Richmond Homes for Life Trust to the funeral directors T.H. Sanders & Sons, 28-30 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2NA. tel: (0181) 948-1551.

LEAN - Margot (née Appleyard), on June 6th, gallantly in hospital in Oxford, aged 84. Beloved widow of Garth, mother of Geoffrey and Mary, grandmother of Owen and Eorann. Funeral Service at St Peter's, Wootton, near Abingdon, on Thursday June 15th at 11.30 am.

MACLENNAN - On 5th June, suddenly, Patience, widow of Brigadier Frederick Maclennan, much loved mother of Fiona and Hugh and beloved grandmother. Funeral Service at St Lawrence Church in the Square, Winchester, on Wednesday 14th June at 2pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to The Red Cross or to Wessex Children's Hospice Trust c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester. tel: (01962) 844044.

MADDOCKS - Peter of Burton Lazars, peacefully on Wednesday June 7th at home, aged 61 years. Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday June 14th at St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, at 12.15pm followed by private interment. Enquiries through Fords of Oakham, 8 Church Street, Oakham, Rutland. tel: (01572) 722654.

MARSHALL - Lt. Col. F.J. Marshall, U.S.A.F. (retd.) of Lake Lure, North Carolina, U.S.A., NC28746, formerly of Henham, Bishops Stortford, Herts., after a long battle died on 6th June 1995. Funeral Service to be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday 9th June 1995. No donations or flowers.

OWEN - On 7th June peacefully at Solent Cliff Hill Nursing Home, Audrey (née Symonds) much loved wife of Charles Owen, dearly loved mother of Michael and Caroline, loving mother-in-law and grandmother. Funeral Service will be held at St Margaret Mary, Park Gate at 11.15 am Monday 12th June, then at Porchester Crematorium for close family. No flowers by request, donations if you wish to The Alzheimers Society, c/o Churcher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport, Hants. PO12 1LT. tel: (01705) 580755.

RYDER - On June 4th, Herta, at home in Richmond. Deeply beloved by her husband, family and friends. Most grateful to the District Nurses and Macmillan Doctor and Nurses based at Kingston Hospital (donations gratefully received). Private cremation at Mortlake, 12th June.

SHIPSEY - On June 6th 1995, peacefully, Judy, beloved wife of David and dearly loved mother of Helen, Nicola and Georgina. Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's, Buxted, on Wednesday June 14th at 11.30 am. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Eastbourne. Enquiries to R. Medhurst F/D. tel: (01892) 770253.

SUMMERS
Ronald Thomas in hospital on 3rd June 1995, Ron aged 77 years, of West Kirby, Wirral, late of Sandy Lane, Chester, beloved husband of the late Dorothy Marion Summers, much loved dad of Jeffrey, father-in-law of Krystyna and devoted grandpa of Alex and Lawrence. Ron will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral service will be held on Friday 16th June at St John the Baptist Church, Chester, at 1.15 pm, followed by committal service at Blacon Crematorium, Chester. Family flowers only by request. Donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation. All enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Service, 12 Lower Bridge Street, Chester, tel: (01244) 323970.

TRAQUAIR - Katherine (Kitty) née Forbes of Rothiemay House, Banffshire. Peacefully at Ward 6 Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen on Wednesday June 7th 1995 after a long illness bravely borne. A loving wife to Ramsay and a devoted mother, mother-in-law and grandmother. Requiem Mass at St Thomas Church, Keith on Monday June 12th at 12 noon. Interment thereafter in Rothiemay Churchyard arriving approx. 1.20 pm. All friends respectfully invited.

YORKE - Frederick Warrington, of Lower Wield, Hampshire, peacefully on June 8th. A dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Funeral at 12 noon on June 14th at St James', Wield. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to St James' Church, Wield. We give thanks for his full and creative life and that he is now at peace with God.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARRIOTT - A Memorial Service to and a Thanksgiving for the life of Canon David Marriott will take place at Wye Parish Church on Wednesday June 21st at 2.30 pm. There will be an opportunity to contribute to David's work in India.

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OBITUARIES

FORD STURROCK

F.G. Sturrock, Reader in Agricultural Economics and director of the Agricultural Economics Unit, Cambridge University, 1951-77, died on May 10 aged 84. He was born on July 30, 1910.

FORD STURROCK played a leading part in the development of research in the economics of agriculture at Cambridge. He wrote in a clear, crisp style, which gave his research findings wide appeal, while contriving to retain intellectual rigour and objectivity.

He published his first textbook, *Farm Accounting and Management* in 1947. In it he set out for the first time how efficiency yardsticks could be profitably employed in postwar farming in the United Kingdom. It became a standard work and ran to eight editions over 40 years. In successive new editions he finely chiselled into each new chapter or paragraph his latest thoughts and research findings.

Born in Glasgow, Ford Gibson Sturrock took a first-class degree in agricultural economics in 1936 at Glasgow University. He was immediately appointed to a research post in the department of agricultural economics in the West of Scotland College of Agriculture, where he taught and researched into the economics of hill sheep farming and land settlement schemes.

In 1939 he joined the Farm Economics Branch of the School of Agriculture at Cambridge. A year later in 1940 he was appointed to a permanent position as assistant economist. The Farm Economics Branch made a substantial contribution to the war effort in farming, and in this Sturrock played a key role. This continued once the war was won.

Under the Labour Minister of Agriculture, Tom Williams, the years 1945-51 were a time of unprecedented expansion for government advisory services into farming and food production. A new National Agricultural Advisory Service was established in 1946 and a year later the Provincial Agricultural Economics Service, with regional centres at nine universities in England and Wales, was set up. The Cambridge Farm Economics Branch was designated as the centre for the ten eastern counties of England, since it had done the pioneering research of the 1920s and was ready to play an expanded role in the drive to boost food production.

Sturrock took the lead in devising and applying improved methods of economic analysis. It was clear that agricultural economists now had a different role to play from their wartime one. There was a demand for a new generation of agricultural economists who could think in economic rather than accounting terms. There was an even greater need to develop aspects of production economics, especially the theory of the farm firm.

Sturrock directed much of the work of the Farm Economics Branch (which later became the Agricultural Economics Unit) at Cambridge. In 1951 he was appointed as its director, a post he held until his retirement in 1977. By then he was also a University Reader in Agriculture Economics.

He and his colleagues brought greater precision to advisory methods. They developed a simple planning tool known as gross margin analysis, an approach traceable to the 18th century and beyond, to early classical economists. Gross margin analysis is now used worldwide.

This development offered the building blocks for a yet more powerful mathematical planning technique known as linear programming. Under Sturrock's direction the Cambridge Farm Economics Branch produced in 1954 some of the first examples of how this method could be used as a research and advisory tool in agricultural economics, using computers. This example of computer farm planning was later adopted widely.

Sturrock never lost his distinctive touch in communicating to non-specialist audiences the benefits of planning models. In doing so he may have aroused the indignation of his colleagues for excessive dilution of the academic rigour of research methodology. But his pen was more than a match for such criticism.

As long ago as 1956 when the Ministry of Agriculture sought to curb the indefinite expansion of milk, eggs and pig meat, farmers' representatives warned of impending ruin. The Government was prepared to offer financial aid to modernise small farms. Sturrock set out to determine whether small farms could be viable, and went on to advise on the viable sizes of various types of smallholding.

In the mid-1950s he made the first of his many visits to Africa. He took up a short-term assignment in the Sudan to initiate research projects in agricultural economics for the newly-established Department of Agriculture. For the next 25 years he made countless visits to countries in East and West Africa, advising on land settlement schemes, irrigation projects and property rights. He also visited the Caribbean to advise on the modernisation of sugar plantations facing stiffer competition from producers in Australia and South America.

However, it was in West Africa, especially in Ghana, that he had an opportunity to try out his methods of planning on the typical smallholder's farm. He supervised a small number of research students, many of whom went back to Africa and elsewhere to help to modernise farming. His work on farming systems for developing countries continued into his happy years of retirement and he also went on short-term assignments to Asia.

Paradoxically, in his twilight years he began to recognise that the productivity gains in European Union farming were so great that the quantities of food being produced were increasingly confronted by a wall of inelastic demand reinforced by changing demographic and dietary trends.

At home he was concerned by the growing criticism of modern farming which he sought to address in his jointly written book entitled *Farm Mechanisation and the Countryside*. This was one of the first publications to discuss efficient farming in partnership with countryside conservation. Sturrock followed his leisure pursuits in the countryside in all weathers.

Ford Sturrock was a very private man, sometimes appearing solitary by nature. He was, however, never lonely; his research was his life. His retirement was blessed with a happy marriage and he took pride in caring for his manor house and gardens on the western fringes of Cambridge. He married Nancy Farmer late in life: she provided companionship for him in his advancing years and cared for him through his long illness. She survives him. There were no children.

EDOUARD DERMIT

Edouard Dermit, film actor and painter, died on May 15 aged 70. He was born in Lorraine in 1925.

EDOUARD DERMIT figured in the public consciousness so much as an embodiment of one of Cocteau's private (or at least privatised) myths that it was always difficult to see him as a person in his own right, with his own gifts and his own very determined ideas. It was a power Cocteau exerted over many of his friends, associates and discoveries, moulding them willy-nilly into the shape of figures from his own personal world of the imagination.

With Dermit it could be seen happening on a physical level before one's eyes. When he first appeared in a Cocteau film, as the young man of the incestuously close household in Jean-Pierre Melville's version of Cocteau's *Les Enfants Terribles* (1950), he was facially callow, unformed. By the time he appeared as Cégeste, Cocteau's guide through the nether regions in *Le Testament d'Orphée* (1959), his profile had crystalised into one of the Orpheus-heads from Cocteau's own graphic works. With maturity he had become classically handsome in a way familiar in earlier Cocteau films and plays from the presence of Jean Marais. On the other hand, there was a sort of inner toughness about Dermit that Marais never achieved. Possibly it went back to his childhood.

Born Antoine Dhermitte, the son of a miner from Lorraine, he had in his teens always done heavy manual work in the mines and iron foundries of his native region, and, when he first encountered Cocteau in 1947, it was as an applicant for the job of gardener in Cocteau's last home in Milly-la-Forêt. Cocteau, with his habit of making "poésie" out of everything, was immediately struck by the poetic potential of this young man, and proceeded to mould him.

When the idea of filming *Les Enfants Terribles*, his novel of 1929, came up shortly after their first meeting, Cocteau felt (and persuaded the rather dubious director, Jean-Pierre Melville) that Dermit, totally untrained and inexperienced as an actor, would be perfect for the role of the boy/man in it, who in earlier years would inevitably have been played by Marais. Cocteau was ever-present during the shooting, even directing some location scenes himself when Melville was ill, and he directed every move that Dermit made.

In consequence, Dermit acquitted himself very well, despite being physically much too robust for the role, and went from a leading part in this film directly into a minor but important role in the next, *Orphée* (1949), which Cocteau wrote directly for the screen and directed himself.

In *Orphée* Marais plays the poet (or rather, as always in Cocteau, the Poet) who becomes obsessed with mysterious messages he receives by radio from another world. The role taken by Dermit (his name shortened from Dhermitte, as he had previously been billed) was that of a mysterious angelic presence. Cégeste, a younger poet who proves to be the source of the messages and an assistant of Orphée's Muse, who is also his personal death. At the end of the film, Cégeste is left in the zone beyond the mirror as the Princess (death) is led away to receive her punishment in some other unimaginable world.

But this was not to be the last filmgoers would see of these characters. In Cocteau's final film, *Le Testament d'Orphée* (1959), Marais, Maria Casarès (the Princess) and Dermit reappear, Dermit as Cégeste reincarnated out of the sea, to lead the Poet (this time Cocteau himself) through his imaginary world, for which the amazing chalk caverns of Les Baux made a stark location. Dermit plays a key role in the film, constantly called upon to argue with and rebuke Cocteau, very much as an adopted son and fellow artist (both of which he had meanwhile become), might be expected to do.

Jean Cocteau, left, and Edouard Dermit in *Le Testament d'Orphée*, 1959

Somewhere along the way Dermit had married and had two sons. He had also shown signs of interest in painting, and his talents had been carefully nurtured by Cocteau — perhaps too carefully, since a lot of his work looked like a pastiche of his mentor's. This was, however, quite useful when, after Cocteau's death in 1963, Dermit, his principal legatee and artistic executor, was called upon to complete various projects left unfinished by Cocteau, notably the frescos for a chapel in Fréjus. He also, as Cocteau's literary executor, edited various writings, including a memoir, *Passé Défini*, for posthumous publication.

In later years Dermit lived quietly with his family, and continued to paint, which is what he wanted to do, rather than act, which he felt had always been too much a matter of obeying his master's voice. He was generally known as Doudou, a childhood nickname which had taken Cocteau's fancy, but always rather incongruous for the independent figure Dermit was eventually to become. No doubt, without Cocteau he would never have been heard of, but, placed where he was, he proved able to make his own distinctive and memorable contribution.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

SIMON BIRCH

Simon Birch, stockbroker and artist, died on May 28 aged 74. He was born on March 15, 1921.

SIMON BIRCH was a stockbroker for 30 years and a partner in the firm of Rowe Swann, but his passion was always art. He was both a painter and an architect by training, and an enthusiastic collector of paintings. He also had excellent contacts in the City and solid business experience. Hence it was that, after his retirement from stockbroking in 1983, he was approached by his friend Peter Chance, then chairman of Christie's, to set up a new branch of the auction house in the City.

Christie's in the City was launched from a small office, manned only by Birch, a colleague and a secretary, in Copthall Avenue behind Moorgate. Later it moved to Gresham Street near the Bank of England. It was not an auction room in itself, but somewhere for clients to read catalogues or attend lectures. Birch's most popular innovation, and one particularly suited to the convivial climate in the City during the boom years of the 1980s, was his relaunch of wine sales, which Christie's had not held for some years. These well-attended events were held in the Institute of Chartered Accountants, opposite the Copthall Avenue offices.

Birch was a watercolourist himself, and he specialised in painting plump partridges and humorous hunting scenes from memory, somewhat in the style of Rex Whistler. His collections of clocks and of Dutch still-lifes of dead game birds were displayed in his house overlooking the Zoo in Regent's Park, where he had lived since boyhood. His father was Captain Wyndham Birch, who won the DSO in the First World War, and his mother, Lady Susan, was the daughter of the 9th Earl of Hardwicke. He was educated at Stowe where he excelled at art and shooting, and enrolled at the Westminster College of Art in 1938.

In October the following year he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, to read Architecture. There he joined the officer cadet training unit and in May 1941 he was commissioned into the Coldstream Guards, serving in the 1st Battalion. He finished the war in charge of the officers' club in Brussels where his talent for tracking down the best food and wine available in the area endeared him to his fellow officers. In 1945 he married Bettine Coventry in St Margaret's, Westminster.

The following year he returned to civilian life and continued his architectural training at the Regent Street Polytechnic. To bolster his income, he sold paintings and undertook architectural commissions in private houses, the most notable being a gazebo for Peter Chance's house in North Wales. However, with a young family now to support, his parents persuaded him to start a new career in the less unstable world of stockbroking. In the early 1950s he joined the firm of Rowe Swann, later to be merged with Sheppards & Chase. He was made a partner and retired in 1983, before the effects of the Big Bang rippled across the City.

His time with Christie's was perhaps the happiest period of his life, nor did it end with the closure of the City branch in the early 1990s. Birch continued to keep an office in King Street off St James's, from which he visited the local antique and art dealers, or dropped in at White's or Brooks's across the road.

Birch was an amateur in the true sense, approaching everything he did with the same enthusiasm, and his knowledge of fine art combined with his commercial sense made him welcome on many boards and committees. He was a senior trustee of the Holkham estate, a governor of Gresham's School, Holt, and a member of the court of the Fishmongers' Company. He was also a member of the executive of the City & Guilds of London Art School, where his grandson studied and where he helped a number of students financially. In 1981 he was a High Sheriff of Greater London. He was the chairman of the Shellfish Association of Great Britain, in which capacity he sampled a good many oysters, cockles and whelks.

His wife died in 1990, and he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

JOHN PRESPER ECKERT

***John Presper Eckert*, co-inventor of the first electronic digital computer, died in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, on June 3 aged 76. He was born in Philadelphia on April 9, 1919.**

THEY called it "Eniac," an acronym which stood for Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer. It weighed 30 tons, occupied a whole room, and resembled something from an early science fiction movie with its flashing pink lights, clicking switches and miles of cable. But it worked: just in time to confirm the design calculations for the world's first atomic bomb in 1945. Today's desktop computers, though a thousand times faster and a tiny fraction of the size, still use the same principle as the Eniac design.

John Presper Eckert and his collaborator, John Mauchly, who died in 1980, had begun work on their computer in 1942, in an effort to solve the problem of compiling ballistic tables for the US Army's artillery batteries. These tables, which involved intricate calculations of wind, humidity, target elevation, distance and the weight of the shell, had been a bugbear of artillery officers for centuries. They had to be reformulated every time a small change was made to the guns or ammunition, and during the Second World War the Army became desperate to find some way to simplify the task.

Working at the University of Pennsylvania, Eckert and Mauchly designed a computer that contained more than 18,000 vacuum tubes, receiving instructions through hundreds of cables that resembled an old-fashioned telephone exchange. The data was fed in by means of stacks of punched cards, and the machine then converted the numbers to a series of 1s and 0s, sending the resultant stream of data through a series of switches called logical "and" and "or" elements. The result was a machine that could complete in 30 seconds a trajectory calculation which had previously taken a clerk 20 hours. Fortuitously, though it was not designed for the purpose, it also proved to be the only device capable of assisting the Manhattan Project.

Eniac continued to operate until 1955, but Eckert and Mauchly had moved on at the end of the war to found their own computer firm, the Electronic Control Company, which developed the Binac and Univac computers. The company was later sold to Remington Rand and eventually became the Unisys Corporation, for which Eckert worked in a senior position until his retirement in 1989.

The holder of 87 patents, Eckert was involved in controversy in 1973 when a federal court held that one of the most crucial parts of the Eniac design was based on the pioneering work of Dr John Atanasoff, who had invented a computing device called ABC in the 1930s. Eckert vehemently denied the claim. "He never really got anything to work," he said later. "He had no programming system. Mauchly and I achieved a complete workable computer system. Others had not."

Presper Eckert is survived by his wife Judith, three sons and one daughter.

ON THIS DAY

June 9, 1865

Moorfields Chapel, known as the pro-cathedral, was later demolished, proceeds from the sale of the land going towards the building of Westminster Cathedral and of a new church, St Mary's, close to the old site. Manning had become a Catholic at the age of 42.

CONSECRATION OF DR. MANNING

Yesterday Dr. Henry Edward Manning, once Archdeacon of the diocese of Chichester, and a leader among the many eminent men who followed the Tractarian movement, was formally consecrated at Moorfields Chapel as Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster. The stately ritual of the Romish church was observed in all its solemnities to do honour to this occasion. Abbots and Bishops, Heads of Religious Houses, and Ladies Superior of Convents assisted at the ceremony, which was as magnificent and impressive as only the Romish Church could make it.

The installation contrasted strangely with the almost furtive ceremony which marked the introduction of Cardinal Wisemen to his diocese of Westminster. Nor was the occasion less suggestive to those who were present at the last great solemnity at Moorfields, when the church was darkened and hung with black, and the only lights which shone were those round the bier of the Cardinal. Then the new titular Archbishop was only Dr. Manning, and in the estimation of the great body of English Catholics had no more chance of the Archiepiscopate than of the triple crown. Yesterday witnessed his solemn installation as the second Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster. The high altar was adorned with the most massive plate, silver and silver-gilt. Between the six tall heavy candlesticks were vases of silver filled with flowers. The chalice, patten, and other vessels used at the celebration of the Mass were all of solid gold, profusely enriched with brilliants, emeralds, rubies and pearls.

In the crown of one of the side arches which may be said to form the aisles of the church hung the scarlet hat of the late Cardinal. It may be stated that these cumbersome badges of ecclesiastical office are never seen or shown in public, the only occasions on which they are used being when they are conferred by the Pope or when placed on the coffin after the death of the recipient. As being the Feast of the Pentecost, when the vesments used in the Church of Rome are crimson and gold and white, all the interior of the Church was draped in those colours. In the seats reserved for the Diplomatists on the right of the altar all the Ambassadors and Ministers of the Catholic Powers were present, the French, the Italian, the Belgian, the Austrian, the Italian, and with them too was the Russian. Among the congregation also, but nearer to the altar, were grouped in picturesque confusion, members of almost all the religious orders now in England—Passionists, Capuchins, Benedictines, Augustinians, Franciscans, Brothers of St Vincent de Paul, Oratorians, Oblates, Redemptorists, Dominicans, Nuns, Sisters of Charity, and Sisters of Mercy.

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NEWS

Britain may never join the EMU

■ The Prime Minister stiffened his opposition to a single currency, in the face of calls from a group of economists and businessmen for Britain to embrace one. Mr Major told the Commons: "I don't believe that the question of joining a single currency will in practice arise for some time … The circumstances may not ever be right" ……… **Pages 1, 8**

US pilot plucked to safety

■ US marines made a dramatic dawn flight into the heart of Bosnian Serb territory to rescue the American pilot who was shot down six days ago and widely believed to be dead. Two helicopters, backed by a multinational fleet of nearly 40 aircraft, landed on a pine-covered hilltop where Captain Scott O'Grady, 29, was hiding. Within minutes he was being ferried to safety amid a rattle of small-arms fire ……… **Pages 1, 11**

Nurses' pay deal

Nurses' leaders hailed a "significant breakthrough" in their pay dispute after Virginia Bottomley announced a series of concessions on local pay bargaining … **Page 1**

Tory fight-back

A two-year battle plan aimed at lifting the Conservatives from the depths of unpopularity to general election victory was set in motion by the Cabinet ……… **Page 2**

Kidnapper on the run

A dangerous kidnapper was on the run after he escaped from a prison van while on trial at the Old Bailey. Wayne Black had plotted to take a shop manageress hostage and threaten to turn her into a "human bomb" … **Page 3**

Churchill's drugs

Sir Winston Churchill, who was renowned for his alcohol intake, regularly took amphetamines and barbiturates, according to his physician's biographer … **Page 3**

Doctors' threat

Doctors' leaders threatened industrial action over payments for night visits after GPs rejected by four to one the Government's latest offer ……… **Page 4**

Children's TV

Children of two and three watch more than 18 hours of television a week and do 80 per cent of their viewing without an adult in the room, according to new research ……… **Page 5**

Graduate jobs

The recession in the graduate jobs market is over, but campuses still lack the "feel-good" factor that would encourage students to make the most of their improved opportunities ……… **Page 6**

Letters to the editor

Letters that highlight the influence exerted by G.E. Buckle, Editor of *The Times* between 1884 and 1912, over the great and good are to be auctioned ……… **Page 7**

Death row appeals

The US Senate has approved a sweeping anti-terrorism Bill in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing that also includes drastic restrictions on appeals by death row inmates ……… **Page 10**

Bosnia ultimatum

Britain and France have decided that, unless the Serbs agree to allow UN troops to carry out their mandate without being shot at and obstructed, they will withdraw peacekeepers ……… **Page 11**

Golan deal hopes

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, arrived in Jerusalem amid a sense of optimism about progress towards an Israeli-Syrian deal ……… **Page 12**

Outpost showdown

The outspoken Governor of an outpost in Russia's Far East is nudging Moscow towards a showdown with Peking over a territorial dispute ……… **Page 13**

America chooses Royal Mail speed

■ The Royal Mail has struck fear into the US Postal Service by opening an office in Manhattan offering a cheaper and faster service for American businesses. Since it began operations 11 months ago, the Royal Mail office has made millions by shipping international post in bulk to London and then sending it on through the British postal system ……… **Page 1**

ANDRÉ CAMARA

George Stubbs' *Portrait of a Royal Bengal Tiger*, which cost 350 guineas in 1807, was sold at Christies' yesterday for £3.2 million

BUSINESS

Naval battle: The General Electric Company launched a knock-out £835 million takeover bid for VSEL, the warship builder ……… **Page 21**

Economy: The Chancellor's stand against higher interest rates appears to have paid off. A fall in industrial production during April was revealed along with a weak report on the High Streets from the CBI ……… **Page 21**

Nolan: Lord Wakeham, the former Cabinet minister, sought Cabinet Office permission to take up a directorship of Vosper Thornycroft, the engineering group ……… **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 10 to 3380.8. Sterling's index rose from 84.2 to 84.5 after a fall from $1.5922 to $1.5872 but a rise from DM2.2405 to DM2.2543 … **Page 24**

Cricket: The opening day of the first Test against the West Indies was dominated by a splendid Atherton innings ……… **Page 40**

Football: Arsenal appointed Bruce Rioch as manager in succession to George Graham, who was dismissed in February ……… **Page 40**

Tennis: Steffi Graf snuffed out a late rally by Conchita Martínez to set up a clash with the defending champion, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, in the women's final of the French Open ……… **Page 38**

Racing: Richard Evans believes that Aqaarid, second in the 1,000 Guineas, can go one better in the Oaks today ……… **Page 35**

Rugby: Terry Kingston, the Ireland captain, is confident his team can scale new heights ……… **Page 36**

A new Britten? Is the 24-year-old composer Thomas Adès — whose opera about Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, is premiered next month — likely to change the course of British music? ……… **Page 31**

Operatic stars: At Covent Garden, Roberto Alagna enhanced his golden reputation. In Cardiff the young Italian soprano, Nuccia Focile, had a sensational debut ……… **Page 31**

When Albert met Marilyn: Terry Johnson's play *Insignificance*, conjuring a meeting between Monroe and Einstein, has been revived at the Donmar Warehouse … **Page 32**

Pop on Friday: Alan Jackson on the maturing of D:Ream; David Sinclair on a cheerful Van Morrison; and Caitlin Moran on the "retro" phenomenon that isn't ……… **Page 33**

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Tunku Varadarajan on the Test match spectator's essential kit

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Germaine Greer on friends, sisters and pseudo-feminists

Demob-happy: Tonight he comes home to hang up his negotiating hat. Tomorrow he will be playing tennis on his court in Wiltshire. Lord Owen talks to Valerie Grove about the Balkans and his disrupted family life ……… **Page 14**

Call-out madness: What, asks Libby Purves, have we done to the doctors? And when did Dr Finlay and Cameron hand over to these bitter dissidents? ……… **Page 15**

Club queen: Who can be the hostess of a spot already hot before it even has the chance to warm up? Kate Muir meets Nell Campbell, the table-dancing Anglo-Australian ……… **Page 15**

Feelie-good: Max Glaskin reports on the latest devices that could make Aldous Huxley's Feelies come true — and help the blind along the way ……… **Page 29**

Japan has passed a feeble parliamentary resolution acknowledging Japanese aggression and colonialism. Until Japan comes to terms with the destructive role it played in Asia's past, it cannot play the constructive role it should in Asia's future — *New York Times*

Former federal officials stand accused in Florida of aiding the vicious Colombia-based Cali drug cartel. A devastating charge if proven true — *The Washington Post*

Preview: Simon King reveals the secrets of wildlife film-makers in *Hotshots* (BBC1, 8.45pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss looks for the jokes in Carla Lane's new sit-com but cannot find any ……… **Page 39**

Currency crunch

The question of a single currency is quite unlikely to arise for some time, John Major declared. He could not be more wrong … **Page 17**

Mandela's shots

If Mr Mandela, in his period of humility, were to engage seriously with the Zulu question, some good will have come from his latest risky admission ……… **Page 17**

Piers of the realm

The nation is again discovering the Victorian values around its coastline. Now is the time to save them from the waves ……… **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

Obstinacy: we are all obstinate about something, but we do not destroy our lives over it. Injustice: there is enough injustice to fill the world, our little drop would not be noticed. Envy: he has much, I have little, I burn with the way the world has been made, but I promise to work harder and get more **Page 16**

ANATOLE KALETSKY

John Bull should take a close look at the fine print before signing up to Lord Kingsdown's main conclusion — that "if there is a monetary union, and if it works, it is in Britain's interests to be part of it" ……… **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

The pro-Europeans have in the past sought to depict the sceptics as disruptive. They fear that the tables will now be turned and the sceptics will seek to push policy more in their direction ……… **Page 8**

Ford Sturrock, agricultural economist; **Edouard Dermit**, film actor; **Simon Birch**, stockbroker and painter; **John Presper Eckert**, inventor of the first electronic digital computer ……… **Page 19**

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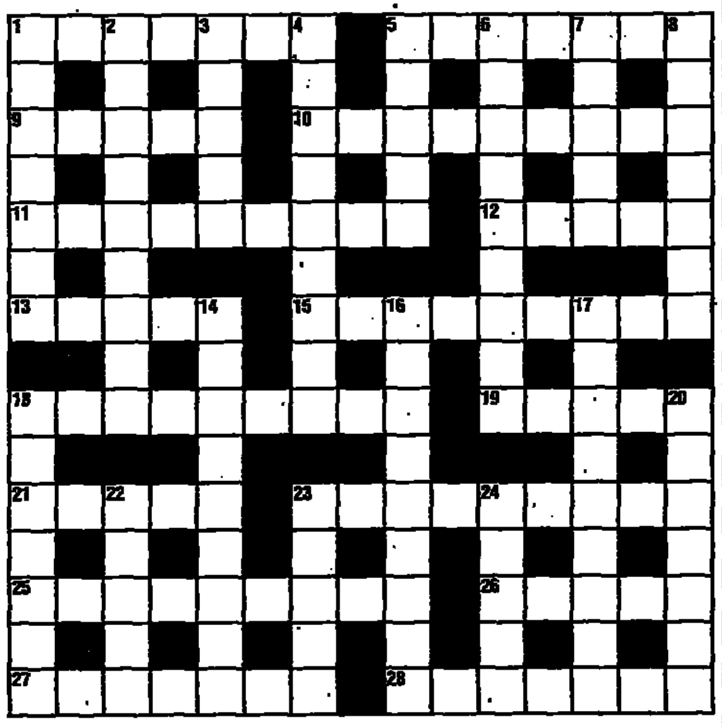

ACROSS

1 Lady-like examination of the thigh (7).
5 Coloured alcoholic laid to rest (7).
9 Property for a retired lady (5).
10 Stalls under cover here provide a tidy business (4-5).
11 Exchange foreign currency for a distinctive device (5-4).
12 Dance music developed in Burma (5).
13 Lines trousers (5).
15 Half of them fought, being ready for war (9).
18 Paul's predecessor instead mistakenly got attacked (9).
19 Old Roman figures are said to be the best (5).
21 King Henry embraced this composer (5).
23 Exile loses the right to dwell at length (9)
25 Turn round with care, perhaps, from dangerous part of mill stream (5-4)
26 A laddie with a lassie (5).
27 Dose of medicine, not from the bottle (7).
28 Still at the terminus, unable to get on (4,3).

DOWN

1 Desperate fellow managed to take the credit in speech (7).
2 Butchers' service covering a wide area (9).
3 Arriving early, being a bit short (5).
4 He will look after the estate belonging to a Gaiety girl and a gentleman (4-5).
5 Empty vacuum (5).
6 Characters from the Sûreté in a guide to the cinema (9).
7 Pull top of marrow from stalk (5).
8 Stubborn person had dire treatment (3-4).
14 Honest member in the position of an umpire (6,3).
16 Cover for a dorm feast? (9).
17 Fat profit comes out of writing up life in ancient Rome (9).
18 Rolled about in the water topless — it's permitted (7).
20 Haul fish up in protected area (7).
22 Drunken woman heard laughing, for example (5).
23 Perform English play about Newton (5).
24 The mother of Achilles is gone — a character of old (5).

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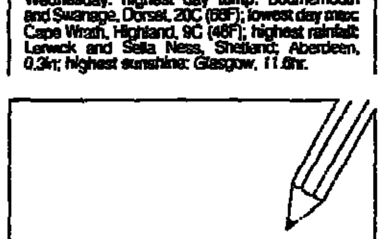
Wednesday: highest day temp: Bournemouth and Swanage, Dorset, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Lerwick and Sella Ness, Shetland; Aberdeen, 0.3in; highest sunshine: Glasgow, 11.6hr.



☐ **General**: all areas will have another cool day with a brisk northerly wind on North Sea coasts. Eastern counties of England will be rather cloudy with some rain or drizzle. Elsewhere the odd shower may brew up during the day. Northern Scotland will be quite cloudy with some drizzly rain. The rest of Scotland will have bright or sunny spells and the chance of a shower. Northern Ireland may also have showers.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Isle of Man, Central N, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, N Ireland**: bright or sunny spells with the chance of a few showers. Wind northwest, light or moderate. Cool. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England**: cloudy with showers or a little rain. Wind northwest, fresh, perhaps strong becoming moderate. Cool. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District**: mostly dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind northwest, light or moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland**: cloudy with a few showers. Wind northwest, strong. Cool. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland**: some bright spells and a few showers, cloudy later. Wind northwest, moderate or fresh. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Outlook**: still quite cool, although winds will ease in the east, with a mix of bright spells and showers.

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Aberdeen	4.5	0.17	11	52	sh	Liverpool	8.7	0.18	14	57	s
Anglesey	8.7	0.01	14	57	s	London	3.6	0.04	18	64	b
Aspatria	8.6	0.07	16	61	s	Lowestoft	5.0	0.04	15	59	s
Aviemore	6.4	0.06	11	52	sh	Manchester	4.7	0.13	15	59	h
Belfast	8.0	0.02	13	55	s	Margate	1.5	0.09	16	61	r
Birmingham	8.2	0.01	17	63	s	Minehead	6.2	-	16	61	s
Bognor R	2.7	-	19	66	b	Morecambe	9.1	0.02	16	61	s
Bournem'th	4.4	-	20	68	s	Newcastle	X				
Bristol	3.5	-	20	68	s	Newquay	X				
Buxton	5.8	0.27	14	57	s	Norwich	5.1	0.01	14	57	s
Cardiff	7.0	-	18	64	s	Nottingham	X				
Clacton	2.7	0.04	17	63	b	Oxford	5.1	0.01	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	X					Penzance	3.5	-	17	63	b
Cromer	4.9	0.06	12	54	s	Plymouth	4.6	-	17	63	c
Doncaster	7.7	0.02	16	61	b	Poole	3.7	-	19	66	c
Dunbar	6.0	0.24	14	57	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.02	15	59	s
Eastbourne	1.6	-	19	66	c	Ross-o-wye	5.0	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	9.1	0.12	14	57	r	Ryde	2.9	0.01	19	66	sh
Eskdalemuir	6.2	0.06	14	57	sh	Salcombe	9.1	-	20	68	s
Exmouth	3.4	-	18	64	b	Sandown	1.8	-	18	64	c
Falmouth	7.8	-	17	63	b	Saunton Snd	4.2	-	16	61	s
Fishguard	4.8	0.05	12	54	d	Scarboro'	9.8	0.06	13	55	s
Folkestone	1.6	0.07	18	64	r	Shanklin	2.6	-	18	64	s
Glasgow	11.6	-	16	61	s	Shrewsbury	7.6	0.03	15	59	s
Guernsey	4.9	0.01	18	64	c	Skegness	5.5	0.06	13	55	sh
Hastings	1.7	0.04	19	66	c	Southend	X	0.09	17	63	r
Hayling I.	1.7	-	19	66	c	Southport	8.6	0.11	15	59	s
Herne Bay	1.8	0.09	16	61	c	Southsea	2.1	-	19	66	b
Hove	4.3	-	19	66	b	Stornoway	X				
Hunstanton	4.4	0.04	13	55	b	Swanage	4.0	-	20	68	b
Ilfracombe	X	-	17	63	s	Teignmouth	9.0	-	19	66	s
Isle of Man	11.4	0.01	13	55	s	Tenby	6.8	-	16	61	s
Jersey	4.3	-	17	63	c	Tiree	2.9	-	12	54	b
Kinloss	0.8	0.06	11	52	sh	Torquay	6.5	-	19	66	s
Leeds	X					Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	6.5	0.30	11	52	sh	Ventnor	4.1	-	19	66	b
Leuchars	9.8	0.15	15	59	sh	Weymouth	4.8	-	20	68	b
Littlehmptn	2.2	-	19	66	c						

These are Wednesday's figures

Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	26	79	s	Madrid	20	68	f	Riyadh	41	106	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	C'phagn	14	57	f	Majorca	24	75	s	Rome	23	73	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dublin	12	54	c	Malaga	26	79	s	S Fr'sco	16	61	s
Algiers	22	72	c	Dubrovnik	19	66	f	Malta	26	79	s	S Paulo	25	77	s
Amst'dm	11	52	r	Faro	24	75	c	Melb'rne	16	61	r	Salzburg	23	73	s
Athens	30	86	s	Florence	22	72	s	Mexico C	-	-	-	Santiago	13	55	s
B Aires	15	59	s	Frankfurt	16	61	f	Miami	-	-	-	Seoul	28	82	c
Bahrain	39	102	s	Funchal	21	70	c	Milan	23	73	f	Sing'por	33	91	f
Bangkok	32	90	c	Geneva	21	70	f	Montreal	27	81	s	St'kholm	22	72	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Gibraltar	24	75	c	Moscow	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	c
Barcelona	23	73	f	Helsinki	22	72	s	Munich	19	66	f	Sydney	18	64	f
Beirut	27	81	f	Hong K	26	79	r	N Delhi	41	106	s	Tangier	23	73	c
Belgrade	24	75	f	Innsbrck	21	70	s	N York	26	79	s	Tel Aviv	39	102	s
Berlin	16	61	f	Istanbul	27	81	s	Nairobi	-	-	-	Tenerife	25	77	s
Bermuda	24	75	r	Jeddah	39	102	s	Naples	24	75	s	Tokyo	22	72	f
Biarritz	18	64	c	Jo'burg	13	55	s	Nice	21	70	f	Toronto	29	84	s
Borde'x	19	66	c	Karachi	33	91	s	Oslo	14	57	r	Tunis	30	86	s
Brussels	15	59	f	L Angels	18	64	f	Paris	18	64	f	Valencia	26	79	f
Budapest	20	68	f	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	27	81	f	Vanc'ver	15	59	f
Cairo	35	95	s	Le Touqt	15	59	f	Perth	13	55	c	Venice	23	73	s
Cape Tn	-	-	-	Lisbon	25	77	s	Prague	18	64	s	Vienna	22	72	s
Ch'church	9	48	-	Locarno	21	70	c	Reykjavik	13	55	r	Warsaw	25	77	s
Chicago	29	84	s	Luxembg	16	61	f	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	31	88	s
Cologne	14	57	c	Luxor	43	109	s	Rio de J	28	82	s	Zurich	20	68	f

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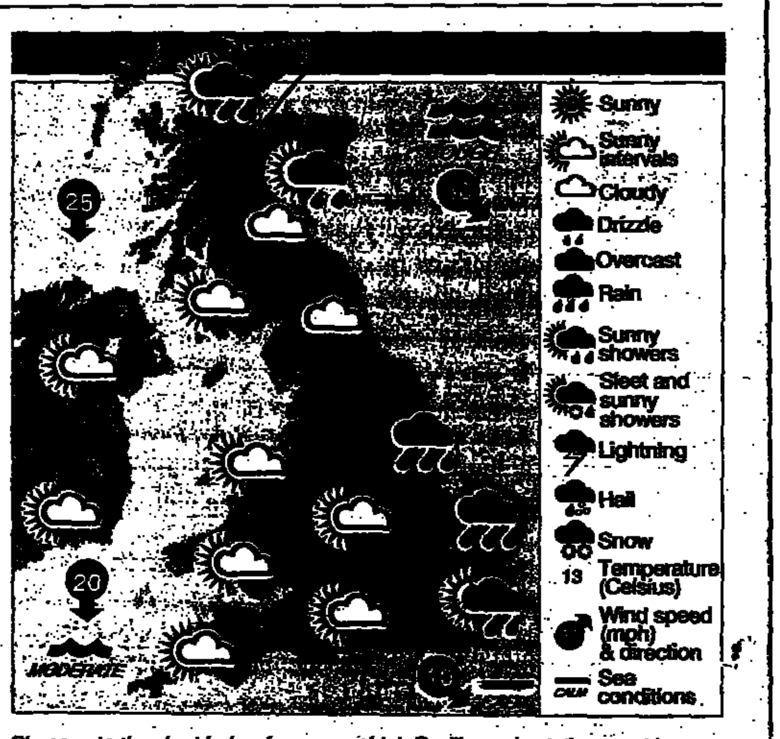

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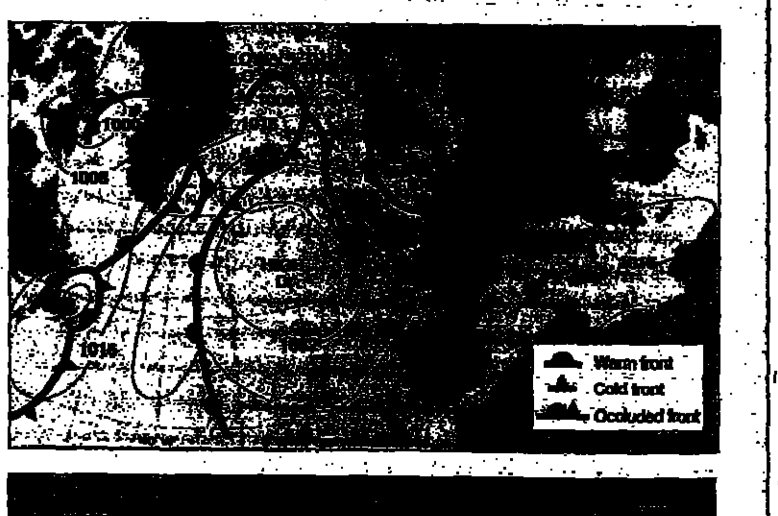

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Aberdeen	9:32	3.68	10:17	3.72	Liverpool	7:15	8.17	7:51	8.42
Avonmouth	2:44	10.90	3:30	11.11	Lowestoft	6:06	2.17	5:34	2.26
Belfast	6:51	3.26	7:33	3.11	Margate	8:18	4.21	8:32	4.31
Cardiff	2:54	10.01	3:36	10.14	Milford Haven	1:59	5.78	2:38	5.82
Devonport	1:16	4.64	2:05	4.65	Newquay	1:15	5.64	1:49	5.70
Dover	7:00	5.73	7:30	5.99	Oban	1:41	3.28	2:43	3.23
Dublin	7:52	3.85	8:23	3.88	Penzance	0:35	4.58	1:13	4.61
Falmouth	1:02	4.43	1:37	4.37	Portland	1:52	1.57	3:13	1.84
Glasgow	8:11	4.19	8:44	3.90	Portsmouth	7:14	4.04	7:58	4.37
Harwich	7:47	3.56	8:09	3.54	Shoreham	7:15	5.16	7:49	5.52
Holyhead	6:21	4.86	7:05	4.92	Southampton	6:47	3.97	7:23	4.18
Hull	2:16	6.28	2:38	6.48	Swansea	2:00	8.01	2:36	8.12
Ilfracombe	1:47	7.82	2:27	7.74	Tees	11:56	4.74	—	—
King's Lynn	2:36	5.33	2:59	5.66	W'ton-on-Nze	7:50	3.83	8:12	3.75

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Sun rises: 4.45 am
Sun sets: 9.15 pm
Moon sets 2.19 am
Moon rises 4.39 pm
Full moon June 13

London 9.15 pm to 4.44 am
Bristol 9.25 pm to 4.54 am
Edinburgh 9.58 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester 9.38 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.30 pm to 5.13 am

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Stunning cash offer seen as curtain-raiser to assault on BAe

GEC bids £835m for VSEL

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE General Electric Company yesterday launched a knock-out £835 million takeover bid for VSEL, the Barrow warship builder. The cash offer, which tops an existing share-swap bid from British Aerospace by £175 million, was widely seen as the prelude to an assault by GEC on BAe itself.

Chris Avery, aerospace analyst at Paribas, said: "This is a stunning move from GEC. The future of the British defence industry is being fought over."

Almost 7.5 million shares in British Aerospace were traded as arbitrageurs took advantage of the falling price to build up their holdings. BAe shares closed down 14p at 527p, valuing BAe's 3.3 for one share-swap terms at £17.39.

VSEL shares, meanwhile, rose 302p to close at £21.40, just 10p below GEC's £21.50 a share bid. Analysts said GEC was bidding almost the maximum it could afford without diluting its earnings. Despite its ability to shelter VSEL profits from tax, they believe BAe cannot better the terms without dilution.

British Aerospace and its advisers were clearly taken aback by the remarkable shift in GEC's tactics, and alarmed at the possible implications.

Weinstock: seized initiative

Last autumn, when BAe launched a surprise agreed offer for VSEL after breaking off secret talks with GEC about a joint bid, GEC looked like a reluctant bidder. Now, Lord Weinstock, GEC's 70-year-old managing director, has seized the initiative and left BAe trembling in his wake.

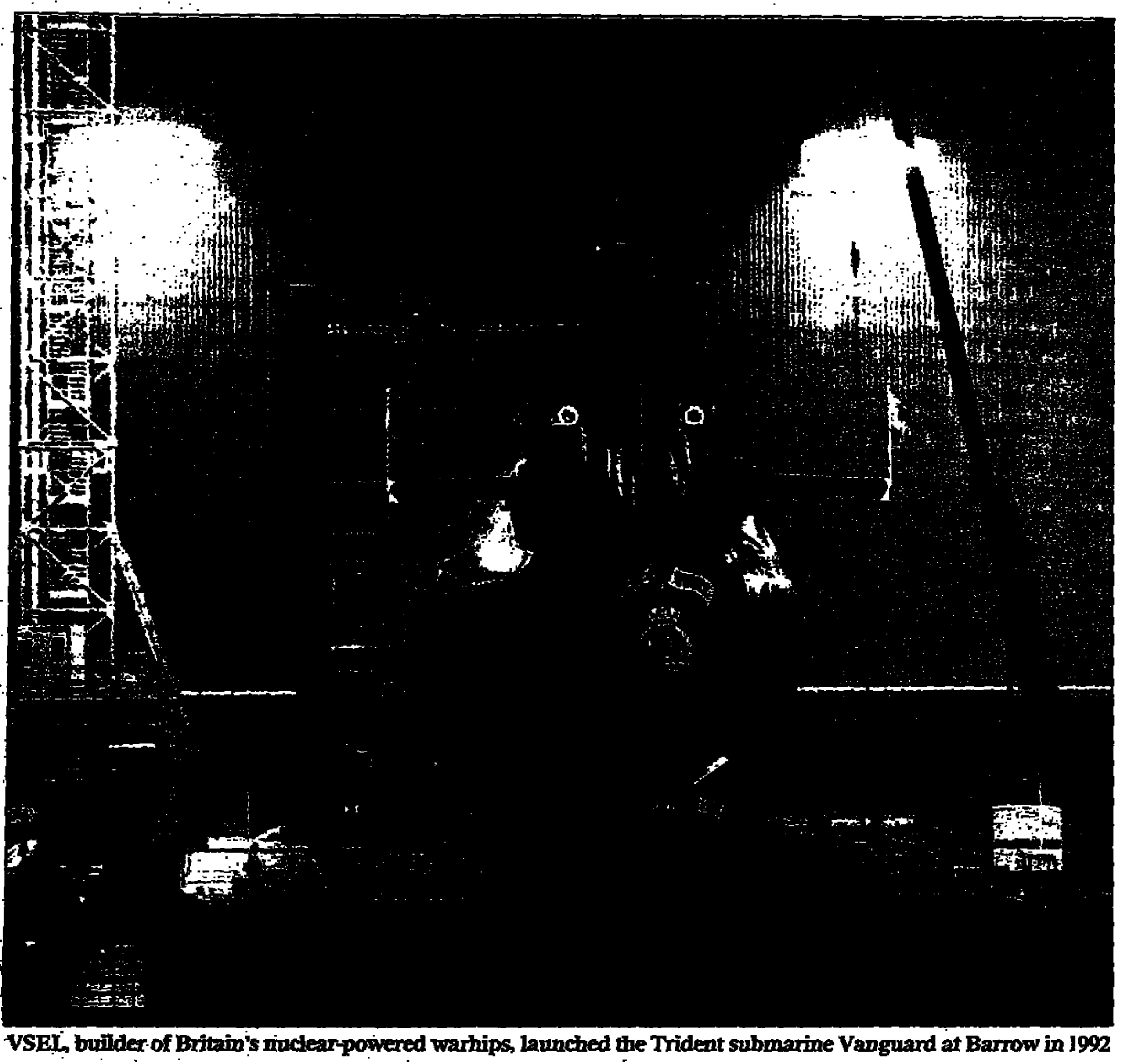
The immediate focus of rivalry between Britain's two biggest defence contractors is the warship business that builds Britain's nuclear-powered submarines and has the facilities needed to construct the new generation of assault ships and aircraft carriers that will be needed by the Royal Navy.

BAe, Britain's biggest defence group, is keen to win control so that it can extend its expertise as a prime contractor to the Ministry of Defence from warplanes and missiles into the realm of warships.

But GEC, whose GEC-Marconi subsidiary dominates the British defence electronics industry, is anxious to protect its own position as a warship builder and avoid being squeezed into the role of subcontractor.

Both GEC and BAe were cleared to reopen their bidding two weeks ago after a four month inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, rejected the MMC's majority view that a GEC takeover of VSEL would reduce competition, increase procurement costs and curb innovation. He backed a minority view that the MoD, as a monopoly customer, was well placed to get value for the taxpayer.

The MMC concluded that MoD orders alone might be insufficient to sustain both VSEL and Yarrow, GEC's frigate building yard on the Clyde. Both BAe and GEC hope to emulate the success of Britain's only other remaining warship yard, Vosper Thornycroft, at Southampton, by building up export work to complement domestic contracts.



VSEL, builder of Britain's nuclear-powered warhips, launched the Trident submarine Vanguard at Barrow in 1992

GEC has pledged to retain Yarrow as its frigate centre, while seeking economies through the merger of design and marketing with the Barrow operation. Announcing its offer, GEC said: "Together, they would be better able than either company acting alone to sustain viable long-term businesses in naval systems and shipbuilding and to build and equip major warships for the MoD and export."

GEC has ample cash resources to fund its offer. At the end of September, net cash balances were £1.43 billion, with as much again tied up in joint ventures. GEC shares ended the day just 2p lower at 322p. GEC already controls 14.97 per cent of VSEL, the maximum allowed by the warship company's articles of association.

VSEL will have to call a shareholder meeting to change the articles if any takeover is to be completed. That should not be a problem. VSEL wants a larger partner to underwrite a £3.5 billion tender, due next year, to build five Trafalgar nuclear-powered submarines for the Royal Navy.

The company urged shareholders yesterday to take no action for the time being.

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Nynex pricing boosted by deal

By Martin Waller

THE stock market pricing of Nynex CableComms, Britain's second-biggest cable TV and telephone operator, has been given a last-minute boost by the £679 million takeover of SBC CableComms, the fifth biggest, by the industry leader, TeleWest.

Shares in Nynex, which is being floated in London and New York by its owner, Nynex Corporation of the US, start dealing on a conditional basis this afternoon, and the price at which they are being sold to investors will be announced this morning.

Indications are that the float, which is raising between £400 and £460 million, will be a success and come in at just below 140p a share, towards the middle of the indicated range of 131p to 151p.

The TeleWest purchase of SBC initially came as a shock to the Nynex camp, creating as it does a much larger rival. But analysts came round to the view that the merger was broadly favourable to Nynex, encouraged by a rise in the TeleWest share price of 5½p to 169p. The Nynex price is likely to be set by comparison with that of TeleWest.

The privately-owned SBC, whose joint owners are SBC Communications, a regional US telephone operator, and Cox Communications, a telecoms business, is being bought by TeleWest in a deal that both parties accept could not have taken place before the latter's delayed stock market flotation in November.

Alan Michels, TeleWest's chief executive, said the British cable industry would see further consolidation in coming years.

SBC's owners will end up with 10 per cent apiece of the merged company's ordinary shares.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3380.8	(+10.0)
Yield	4.10%	
FT-SE A All share	1658.48	(+3.64)
Nikkei	15442.30	(-237.32)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4464.10	(+2.07)*
S&P Composite	532.36	(-0.77)*
US RATE		
Federal Funds	6[illegible]%*	(6[illegible]%)
Long Bond	113[illegible]*	(113[illegible])
Yield	6.57%*	(6.55%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-mth Interbank	6[illegible]%	(6[illegible]%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	107[illegible]	(108[illegible])
STERLING		
New York:		
$	1.5926*	(1.5895)
London:		
$	1.5923	(1.5931)
DM	2.2530	(2.2397)
FFr	7.9380	(7.8850)
SFr	1.8590	(1.8460)
Yen	135.17	(134.24)
£ Index	84.5	(84.2)
DOLLAR		
London:		
DM	1.4150*	(1.4143)
FFr	4.9790*	(4.9675)
SFr	1.1678*	(1.1645)
Yen	84.86*	(84.90)
$ Index	89.0	(88.6)
Tokyo close Yen 85.02		
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (Aug)	$17.55	($17.70)
GOLD		
London close	$385.35	($386.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Resignation

Northumbrian Water said that it was considering a package of benefits for shareholders and customers but admitted that it was almost resigned to its fate as victim of a takeover by Lyonnaise des Eaux. Page 22

Withdrawal

The Bank of England and Lloyds Bank are pulling out of their investment in 3i, the venture capital group, in a public sale this month. Barclays and Midland are selling stakes amounting to 2.7 per cent and 2.6 per cent of 3i's share capital.
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BT chief's total pay drops to £599,000

By George Sivell

BT yesterday disclosed a 9.3 per cent fall in total pay for Sir Iain Vallance, its chairman, last year from £663,000 to £599,000.

The company's annual report also disclosed £640,753 of paper profits on share options made by Sir Iain and that he held 180,844 BT shares at the March year-end, up from 17,084 at the end of the previous financial year.

He exercised options on 373,749 shares during the year at a time when the market price was 389p. He paid only 187p and 227p for his shares.

BT said that Sir Iain had transferred 15,749 of his option shares to his wife, which were then sold along with 194,300 of his own shares. The profit from the sale was used to finance the retention of 163,700 of the option shares, meaning that Sir Iain took no money out of his investment in the company as a result.

BT disclosed that basic salaries and fees for Sir Iain remained unchanged at £465,000 during the past year and at £415,000 for Michael Hepher, the group managing director.

Sir Iain last took a pay increase in July 1992, of 3.3 per cent. BT revealed that his basic pay would increase by 3.2 per cent to £480,000 a year effective from July 1.

Sir Iain's bonus for the financial year to the end of March fell from £185,000 to £115,000, although other benefits increased from £13,000 to £19,000.

Output and high street sales back Clarke stance

By Janet Bush and Philip Bassett

KENNETH CLARKE's stand against higher interest rates increasingly appears to have paid off, with news yesterday of a fall in industrial production in April and weak activity on the high street.

Industrial production and manufacturing output both fell 0.2 per cent, confounding analysts who had been expecting a healthy bounce of about 0.5 per cent. Manufacturing in April stood only 2.3 per cent higher than a year ago and the Central Statistical Office judged that it is growing at a rate of only 1.5 per cent per year. In March, the year-on-year rate had been 3.9 per cent.

Statisticians said that industrial production, which includes the North Sea, is growing at a rate of only about 2 per cent, the weakest trend since autumn 1993. Year-on-year, industrial production was up 2.7 per cent but this compares unfavourably with 5 per cent in the year to March.

Production by consumer goods industries fell for the first time in ten months, underlining the weakness of consumer demand.

The CBI reported that high street sales fell back last month. In its distributive trades survey, the CBI said retail sales rose only modestly with a balance — those recording a rise against those registering a fall — of 8 per cent reporting a sales increase.

This was less than was expected and marks a falling back from strong sales growth in April, when a quarter of retailers surveyed said sales volumes were increasing. But the CBI said that the underlying three months' figures still showed annual high street sales growth resuming last month.

Worryingly, however, the CBI also reported continuing pressure on inflation. The balance of retailers reporting higher prices rose from 23 per cent in February to 31 per cent last month, the highest level for two years. While the CBI said this was well below its long-term average, retailers expect prices to rise at a slightly faster rate this month.

Sudhir Junanker, CBI associate economic analysis director, said that the rise in shop prices reflected the knock-on effect of rising prices in manufacturing, and added that the weakness of the pound may be having an impact on manufacturers' cost base.

Don Smith, of HSBC Markets, said that yesterday's production figures were surprisingly weak. He said: "Overall, these figures further support the case for no hike in rates and they may serve to fuel speculation that UK growth could fall sharply this year."

The Chancellor met Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, on Wednesday to discuss rates and it is believed that the two men decided to leave them unchanged. There was no signal from the Bank of higher rates, either on the day of the meeting or yesterday.

Wakeham's Vosper job approved

LORD WAKEHAM, the former Energy Secretary, sought Cabinet Office permission to take up a directorship of Vosper Thornycroft, the shipbuilding and engineering group (George Sivell writes).

Vosper revealed yesterday that Lord Wakeham was to join its board after the Cabinet Office had given its approval and would become chairman from July 7.

He was attacked after joining the board of N M Rothschild, which advised the Government on coal privatisation around the time he was Energy Secretary. Lord Wakeham became leader of the House of Lords in April 1992 and joined Rothschild in January 1995.

Vosper said yesterday that Cabinet Office approval was sought "mindful of the Nolan recommendations and pending their implementation". The Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life recommended that a system similar to the civil service business appointment rules should apply to ministers.

City relishes Zeneca bid prospect

By Michael Clark
Stock market correspondent

SHARES of Zeneca, the pharmaceutical group, soared 75p to £10.65 as the City looked forward to the prospect of the biggest takeover in British corporate history.

By the close of business last night, 7.35 million Zeneca shares had changed hands with more than £700 million added to the group's market value, raising it to £10.1 billion. Talk in the Square Mile suggested that a bid of about £12 a share may be on the way, valuing the company at £11.3 billion, almost £2.5 billion higher than the £9 billion Glaxo paid for Wellcome.

Trading in the shares reached fever pitch at one stage with prices on screens becoming purely indicative as market-makers refused to make a firm quote. A hastily issued statement from the company said that it knew of no reason for the rise in the price, other than possible investor assessment of the strength of its new product portfolio.

This cut little ice in the City where speculators have been talking about the prospect of a bid from either one of the big European or US pharmaceutical companies. Roche, the Swiss pharmaceuticals group, is thought to have passed a slide rule over Zeneca already. Sandoz, the other Swiss group, or Pfizer and Bristol-Meyers Squibb of the US are also thought of as potential bidders. The first signs of speculation in Zeneca emerged during the tail-end of last week on the traded options market, where traders reported heavy call option business among the July £10.50 series, indicating that the shares were expected to move sharply better in the months ahead.

Yesterday NatWest Securities sold 1,000 put options, equivalent to a million shares, while Smith New Court was said to have bought call options and sold puts in the July series of options.

Brokers say that whatever the eventual outcome, a major rerating of Zeneca has taken place, which reflects favourably on Glaxo's decision to bid for Wellcome.

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Which environmental company has just announced a 7.2% increase in efficiency in its core business over the last year?

For the full picture, see Company Results

Northumbrian Water forced to hold fire on handouts

By Christine Buckley

NORTHUMBRIAN Water yesterday said that it was considering a package of benefits for shareholders and customers but admitted that it was virtually resigned to its fate as victim of a takeover by the French company Lyonnaise des Eaux.

Announcing its results, Northumbrian was unable to deliver handouts as other water companies have recently because takeover plans by Lyonnaise are before the Monopolies Commission. The commission must report to the President of the Board of Trade by July 4 on the proposed cash offer, but Mike Taylor, group finance director, said: "The betting must be that they allow it."

Mr Taylor and David Cranston, chief executive, said Northumbrian, whose pre-tax profits rose 44 per cent to £90.4 million, was considering various ways to return benefits to both consumers and shareholders. Mr Taylor acknowledged that the political climate is such that there is pressure on utilties to plough back a proportion of heavy profits to customers and shareholders. But Northumbrian's hands are tied until the outcome of the MMC enquiry and a decision by Michael Heseltine.

Customers and shareholders may have to wait until the autumn to see any benefits offered. After Mr Heseltine has made his decision, and if the proposed bid is complex, it will take some time to consider. Lyonnaise has 21 days in which to outline a formal bid.

Customer rebates and shareholder benefits would form part of Northumbrian's defence to the unwelcome bid by the French company, which owns North East Water, Northumbrian's neighbour.

Northumbrian said it was considering several measures to reward customers and shareholders for its results to date and the out-performance it expected to achieve but Mr Cranston ruled out share buybacks. Dividend hikes, share issues, rebates and tariff reductions are being looked at, although the latter is unlikely as it would reduce permanently the charging base.

Yesterday the dividend was raised 16 per cent to take the total to 28.2p and Mr Cranston forecast that dividend increases should continue at rates of between 15 per cent and 17 per cent.

Northumbrian cut its operating costs by 7.2 per cent, which means it has reached the reduction of costs target set by the water regulator for the year 2000. Although it says no jobs were cut it forecast that there would be future job losses through natural wastage.

Turnover increased just 6.6 per cent to £318.2 million, while Northumbrian's diversified interests of environmental consultancy, environmental monitoring equipment and waste management proved less of a drain than some analysts had feared.

MIKE SCOTT

Mike Taylor, left, and David Cranston expect the French bid to win clearance

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.13
Austria Sch	16.87	15.37
Belgium Fr	49.34	45.04
Canada $	2.281	2.131
Cyprus Cyp£	0.752	0.697
Denmark Kr	9.41	8.61
Finland Mkk	7.47	6.82
France Fr	8.32	7.67
Germany Dm	2.41	2.20
Greece Dr	378.00	353.00
Hong Kong $	12.91	11.91
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2686	4.5186
Italy Lira	2715.00	2560.00
Japan Yen	149.50	133.50
Malta	0.599	0.544
Netherlds Gld	2.678	2.448
Norway Kr	10.62	9.82
Portugal Esc	248.50	230.00
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.42
Spain Pta	202.50	189.50
Sweden Kr	12.13	11.33
Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Turkey Lira	refer	65835.0
USA $	1.684	1.554

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AIM rules amended to bring in fines

By Philip Pangalos

THE London Stock Exchange has amended the rules for the Alternative Investment Market, the new market for fledgling companies which starts on June 19, including the power to fine AIM companies.

An Exchange spokesman said the rules were still being discussed, but the imposition of a fine is viewed more "like a traffic offence, rather than anything major".

The Exchange said: "This [fines] will normally be used for minor offences and allows a more flexible regulatory response. It is appropriate for smaller companies who fail to meet the market rules despite the advice of their nominated adviser, and is less severe than other sanctions which may be imposed. It provides an intermediate measure before the imposition of sanctions, such as censure, suspension, or cancellation, and helps to reinforce the position of the nominated adviser."

Panton Corbett, a non-executive director of Singer & Friedlander, has been appointed chairman of AIM. He will chair the AIM Advisory Committee, which will advise and make recommendations to the AIM Management Board on AIM's operation and marketing, as well as reviewing its rules and trading arrangements.

An AIM appeals procedure has also been put into place, with an AIM Appeals Committee chaired by Geoffrey Lewis, formerly of Herbert Smith, the solicitors. The Stock Exchange has also added another seven firms to its list of approved advisers, bringing the total to 31.

AIM will effectively replace the current second-tier Unlisted Securities Market and Rule 4.2, the trading facility for rarely traded shares, effectively on a matched bargain basis.

Leeson charges win German approval

A FRANKFURT court has approved the remaining 11 charges of forgery and cheating in the Singapore Government's extradition request against Nick Leeson, the former Barings trader. Mr Leeson, who faces up to seven years in prison on each of the charges, is fighting the extradition request. He will appear before a local judge next week to be informed of the court decision and also to present his defence. A final court ruling on the legal validity of the Singapore request is expected in the next three to four weeks.

The new charges approved by the court relate to allegations that Leeson ordered the transfer of $80 million from a Barings customer account to his own trading account; that he created a fictitious deal with the Wall Street firm Spear, Leeds and Kellogg in order to obtain funds from the internal customer account; that he illegally transferred funds within Barings and that he committed fraud against Simex, the Singapore futures exchange.

Bank closures forecast

HIGH STREET banks may be forced to close half their branches and axe 50,000 jobs if they are to survive the revolution about to hit the banking industry, according to a study by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International. The cuts will come as banks compete to provide up-to-date and customer-friendly products according to *The Future of Retail Banking — A Global Industry Perspective* — published yesterday. John Harrison, who heads the firm's banking services group, said the revolution is likely to see the disappearance, probably through merger, of one or several leading banks in the UK and in the US.

Caird delivers warning

CAIRD, the waste group, has told shareholders that its operating profits for the first half of the year will be lower than in 1994. John Farrell, the recently appointed chairman, told the annual meeting that the specialist waste market remained competitive. He said the company had suffered extra costs in landfill because of wet weather at the start of the year. Caird is reducing operating costs and will continue with its disposal programme. It has sold two loss-making businesses since the year-end, but says that sales are difficult in the current market climate. Caird said it was well placed to take advantage of any trading improvement in the industry.

Inco buys £240m stake

INCO, the world's largest producer of nickel, has bought a quarter share in Diamond Fields, a Canadian mining group which owns the richest base-metal deposit discovered in North America for the past three decades. Development of the 1.6 billion lb nickel deposit at Voisey Bay, Labrador, is expected to produce 130 million lb of nickel a year, equivalent to between 7-10 per cent of current world production, at virtually no cost. Inco is paying £240 million for the shareholding, with the issue of US$386 million 15-year preferred shares, plus a further cash payment of C$25 million (£11.5 million) in exploration and appraisal costs.

SB in research link-up

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM has signed a collaboration agreement with the David Sarnoff Research Centre to develop and market a device for the synthesis and screening of molecules for drug discovery. Sarnoff, a subsidiary of SRI International, will form a new company. SB said it would gain exclusive access in the human pharmaceuticals field to devices produced by the collaboration. The aim is to create a laboratory on a computer chip. Each chip will be designed to carry out thousands of chemical experiments simultaneously. The business card-sized chip will aim to link 10,000 microscopic test tubes connected by hair-thin channels.

Expansion at Oxford

OXFORD INSTRUMENTS, the specialist instrumentation group, is planning to build three new factories in the next two years after producing a 41 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £18 million in the year to March 26. Oxford increased sales 12 per cent £125 million, and ended with an order book of £131 million. The group said its market had improved throughout the world and is paying a 4p dividend for the year on October 3, making 5.7p — an increase of 16 per cent. Two of the new factories will be ready by autumn 1996 and are more than double the size of the facilities they are replacing. Research and development spending rose 14 per cent to £8.8 million.

GEC Alsthom order

GEC Alsthom, the engineering joint venture between Lord Weinstock's GEC and Alsthom of France, has secured a £200 million order from the Huaneng International Power Development Corporation (HIPDC) to build a coal-fired power station in Sichuan province, in central China. The contract, which was signed in Peking yesterday by Pierre Bilger, the GEC Alsthom chairman, involves the construction of two new generating plants with a capacity of 360 megawatts each at Luohang, close to a plant of matching capacity built in 1989.

600 Group turns round

ANOTHER turnround in the machine-tools industry has been provided by the 600 Group, which showed a sales increase of 21 per cent to £116.6 million. Orders rose 44 per cent, while pre-tax profits were £5.7 million compared with a loss of £2.5 million last year after a pension scheme credit of £3.2 million. The dividend was lifted 33 per cent to 2p for the year. The company said it was pleased with the sales growth achieved by new products, such as the Tornado CNC lathe, its electronic lathe ranges and Scriba lasers. The company is keen to increase its presence in developing markets.

£25m campaign on tax changes

By Sara McConnell

THE Inland Revenue yesterday launched the first stage in a £25 million media campaign to explain radical changes to the tax system for the nine million people who have to fill in a tax return every year.

From April 1997, the Revenue is introducing a system of self-assessment. For the first time, taxpayers will have the option of working out their own tax liability. Alternatively, they can give the Revenue the figures and ask it to work it out. Either way, there will be strict deadlines for filing returns and paying tax. Anyone who fails to file their return on time will face an automatic penalty of £100, with a further £100 six months later if the return is still outstanding.

The system will also be simplified. From the 1996-97 tax year, there will be one return for all income and it will all be filed and paid at the same time. The self-employed will be taxed on profits made in the current tax year, not the previous one, as at present.

The first of a series of television advertisements went out yesterday. The initial phase of the campaign will cost £2.5 million but costs could reach £25 million in the next three years. Sir Anthony Battishall, the Revenue's chairman, said: "This is not a PR exercise; it is hard business reality."

But the Inland Revenue Staff Federation warned that self-assessment could be derailed by plans to cut staff and close more local offices. The Revenue plans to cut 12,000 staff by 2002, 3,000 of which will be lost as a result of self-assessment. Clive Brooke, the IRSF's general-secretary, called for cuts to be postponed to cover help to taxpayers.

Brooke: staff cuts warning

Meconic priced at £44m

By Philip Pangalos

SHARES in Meconic, which makes opiates and other controlled drugs, have been priced at 135p, capitalising the group at £44.4 million when it floats this month.

Meconic was formed after a £17.4 million management buyout of Macfarlan Smith from Glaxo in 1990. The group will raise £18.7 million through a placing, with £10 million of new money for the company and the balance for existing shareholders.

Proceeds will be used to pay off debts of about £9.4 million and to allow expansion. The placing is fully underwritten by Baring Brothers.

Meconic made pre-tax profits of £4.18 million in the year to April 28, on turnover of £29.6 million, with opiates accounting for about 75 per cent of the group's business.

Trading in the shares is due to begin on June 16.

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Troughton goes from WH Smith

By Sarah Bagnall

WH SMITH has parted company with Peter Troughton, managing director of UK retailing, less than a month after its shares tumbled 16 per cent as a result of a profits warning.

Mr Troughton, 46, was paid £180,000 in 1994 and is on a two-year rolling contract. Sir Malcolm Field, chief executive, said: "We are negotiating compensation at present. We are close to finalising details."

Sir Malcolm said Mr Troughton's departure was by mutual agreement and followed a review of board responsibilities. He denied the move was linked to the profits warning.

Mr Troughton, said to be a leading contender to succeed Sir Malcolm, joined the board in 1991 becoming managing director of UK retailing in 1993. He was responsible for the core WH Smith chain, Waterstone's and Our Price/Virgin Retail.

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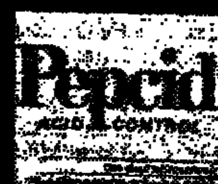

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☐ This time, GEC is really serious ☐ The spectre at Nynex's party ☐ Treasury on the spot

Weinstock starts a revolution

☐ LORD Weinstock retains a devastating knack of taking his rivals by surprise and putting the fear of God into them. At an age when others are pruning roses and settling for dotage, his Lordship has clearly decided to complete his life's work and sort out the British defence industry.

Government resistance to the idea of a single, monolithic main contractor to the Ministry of Defence obstructed that aim throughout the 1980s. But a decade of competitive procurement policies, combined with post-Cold War economies, has already bankrupted much of the domestic competition.

Even so, GEC was clearly unsure just how much licence it would be granted by the Government last autumn. Its first, tentative approach for VSEL was made indirectly, in discussions about a joint bid with British Aerospace. When BAe slammed the door and bid alone, GEC's counterbid was half-hearted.

Michael Heseltine has changed all that. When he cleared GEC to rebid, against the advice of competition authorities, he sent a clear message to GEC's managing director. The Government is now prepared to allow the creation of dominant prime contractors.

GEC has responded with a block-buster bid for VSEL which BAe will be hard put to match. Bidding £835 million, or 20 times VSEL's earnings, Lord Weinstock is sacrificing some £60 million a year of interest for VSEL's £60 million a year of profits. Despite its ability to shelter VSEL profits beneath its own tax losses, BAe apparently cannot top that without dilution.

Lord Weinstock, as ever, is looking ahead. By combining Yarrow and Barrow, he would be assured of the £3.5 billion contract to build the next five Trafalgar submarines, and would be front runner for an order for two assault ships, expected later this year.

He will also contain the expansion of BAe and improve the leverage to achieve his ultimate ambition. That goal is unchanged: a merger of GEC's defence businesses with those of BAe to give the UK a strong national champion able to make deals with partners in Europe and the United States.

A new sense of urgency can be detected. Lord Weinstock seems in fine fettle, but next month he will be 71 years old. His son Simon is now ensconced on the GEC board, but only Lord Weinstock has the experience, the gravitas and the connections to cement the strategy.

Despite the admirable tidying-up achieved by Richard Lapthorne, BAe's finance director, GEC remains completely disinterested in the rest of BAe's activities, including its civil aircraft side. Yet BAe would argue that these are an essential complement to its defence actitivies.

Weinstock does not regard his bid for VSEL as hostile to BAe. Ultimately, he believes, they may all be one. BAe must judge where its advantage best lies. One outcome is already clear: war war is more costly than jaw jaw.

Two into one goes for cable firms

☐ TELEWEST cannot truly be accused of a deliberate attempt to spoil the timing of the Nynex pricing in New York, if only because the SBCC deal has been hatching since at least this time last year. But there were clearly some long faces in the Nynex camp while the markets in London and New York attempted to come to grips with the implications of the deal.

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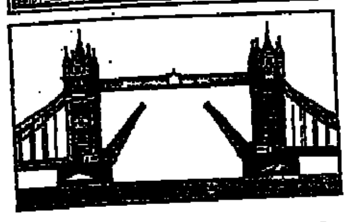

The arguments run two ways. Cable companies cannot be regarded as being in direct competition, since each are granted their own patches of turf to operate on. But there is one sense in which competition can only become more intense. The assumption is that in a few years' time the number of operators, down from about 50 a decade ago to just 16, will fall further to perhaps four or five. This would not cause the Government or the competition authorities any grief, since their main competitor is the still-monolithic BT.

The expansion route for those four or five is swallowing up their smaller and less profitable brethren, by merger — a course now charted by TeleWest and SBCC — or by incursion into virgin territory, those 7 million households across the country that have not yet been designated as part of a franchise. Apart from straight mergers such as TeleWest/SBCC, which has not required any money to change hands, any such expansion is by definition expensive. A larger entity, therefore, by raising its profitability through the available cost savings driving such mergers, must be better able to compete with a smaller one.

In Nynex's favour is the fact that a healthier TeleWest must raise the perceived value of the sector as a whole and be reflected in the former's own value, although it does put pressure on the company to come up with a partner of its own.

The mathematics of cable remain the same — companies need to sell to as many as one household in two in the areas they have cabled by the end of the century to achieve pay-back, while they face competition from existing satellite channels and forthcoming digital broadcasting. The necessary marketing clout to achieve such penetration can only be wielded by a substantial player.

A scandal back in the spotlight

☐ THE Treasury might have hoped that the row over its handling of the secondary power sale would fade away. The rise in share prices generally has lifted National Power and PowerGen above their government sale prices, even if they have not recovered relative to other shares. The generators, which had used the sale to buy back stock, were not likely to let the fuss die quickly. The Stock Exchange has ensured it will return to the political agenda.

The Exchange has investigated and is unhappy with what it has found. But it lacks the power to delve further. It would normally pass the papers to a regulator with powers under the Financial Services Act or, on insider trading, to the DTI. But the Treasury is immune under the FSA. By implication, so are its advisers, including BZW, who have come in for private stick in the City. Ironically, the Exchange's only option is to hand its confidential findings to the body reponsible for City regulation — the Treasury.

The issue is whether Whitehall created a false market to the benefit of itself, and to the potential benefit of anyone else in the know, by withholding the information that the electricity regulator was likely to re-open his price review. Any claim that this was not price-sensitive is plainly false.

The Treasury says it is already examining the matter. But any inquiry must be independent of all interested parties. It should not suppose that it is acceptable for government to behave in ways that would be criminal in the private sector.

Greenspan gaffe

☐ THE markets have got themselves into a lather about an impending US recession. We are told that Fed chairman Alan Greenspan meant on Wednesday to emphasise how short any recession would be, if only to pacify Hans Tietmeyer who was sitting next to him at the offending moment. When Mr Greenspan originally mentioned the R word, the dollar fell and Herr Tietmeyer was not amused.

Banks cut investment stakes as 3i expands

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of England and Lloyds Bank are pulling out of their investment in 3i, the venture capital group, in a public sale this month. Barclays and Midland are selling stakes amounting to 2.7 per cent and 2.6 per cent of 3i's share capital, taking their holdings down to 5.5 per cent and 5.3 per cent respectively.

A total of 20.9 per cent of shares will be sold, worth £454 million at yesterday's 367p share price. Lloyds, with 9 per cent, will gain £195.6 million and the Bank of England, which is selling 6.6 per cent, will enjoy a £143 million gain.

Bank of Scotland is keeping its 2.5 per cent stake and NatWest remains as the firm's single biggest shareholder with 17.8 per cent.

This is the second time in 12 months that the banks have sold shares in 3i — the first was at the time of 3i's flotation last July.

NatWest's decision not to sell has raised questions about its intentions. NatWest has a large venture capital business of its own. However, it is thought unlikely to be contemplating a bid for 3i. Philip Middleton, analyst at Smith New Court, said it would be paying a high price if it did so. He said: "If NatWest had wanted 3i it should have bought it at the time of the share sale." The bank is thought to hope to gain corporate finance business from 3i where its investments are realised through stock market flotations.

3i yesterday unveiled its results for the year to March 31. Its net asset value was 10.5 per cent higher at 346p per share. Despite the strong results, the figures were below City expectations and its shares fell 5p yesterday to close at 367p.

The total dividend for the year has been increased by 10 per cent to 7.2p with the final payment of 4.4p due on July 28. Total return, that is dividend revenue less costs and net interest, was £239 million, a 12.9 per cent return on shareholders' funds.

3i invested £454 million in 532 unquoted companies in the UK last year, up from £315 million in 536 firms. It increased its UK market share from 17 per cent to 25 per cent of all funds invested by the British Venture Capital Association. In Europe it invested £83 million in 50 businesses.

3i has taken advantage of the low margins available on corporate loans to refinance its credit facilities. Brian Larcombe, the finance director, said margins available are "at the bottom end of where they have been for a long time." It has £1 billion long-term credit facilities in place.

Last year 23 companies from the portfolio achieved a stock market listing and there were 70 trade sales.

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GM cancels Matthey contract

By Colin Campbell

JOHNSON MATTHEY said yesterday that its contract for supplying autocatalysts to General Motors, the US car group, has not been renewed.

David Davies, chairman, said in announcing sharply higher 1995 profits and increased dividend, that GM's non-renewal of the contract at the end of last December was not unexpected. The two companies were in dispute last year over platinum group metals. Mr Davies said yesterday that the matter was proceeding to court.

The loss of GM's business represented no more than 10 per cent of JM's autocatalyst production and the company still led the world market in autocatalysts, with a 35 per cent share, Mr Davies said.

The stock market, however, registered disappointment and JM shares fell 19p to 569p. During the year ended March 31, JM also became the largest gold refiner in the world. Pre-tax profit for the year was £95.4 million (£65.3 million) on a turnover of £2.18 billion (£1.95 billion). The year's total distribution rises 18 per cent to 13.5p a share.

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Chubb aims to expand in Far East

CHUBB SECURITY yesterday declared that its drive to increase market share was on course as it pushed up pre-tax profits 15.6 per cent to £89.1 million (Christine Buckley writes).

The company, which was spun off from Racal, the electronics group, two-and-a-half years ago, is midway through a four-year programme to boost its share of a £9 billion market from 9.5 per cent to 11.5 per cent.

Chubb, which is now sitting on a cash pile of £69 million, notched up margins to 12 per cent, from 11.2 per cent. Sales grew 5.2 per cent to £720.3 million. Since Chubb initiated its drive to boost market share, it has launched 35 product ranges, recruited 140 new sales staff and pumped £16 million of extra capital investment into strategic sites.

David Peacock, the chief executive, said that the company was looking to expand worldwide, especially in Far Eastern markets.

Chubb increased its dividend 17 per cent with a final of 5p, making a total of 7.32p. Shareholders will get the option of taking shares instead of cash. The dividend is payable on August 24.

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Northumbrian Water: 1995 results show a year of productive progress.

Northumbrian Water Group registered a strong performance in the year to 31 March 1995, with all key operating companies making significant progress towards the Group's objective of becoming a leading integrated environmental company.

Group turnover rose 6.6% to £318.2million, and profit before tax rose 43.9% to £90.4million, reflecting the fact that Northumbrian Water Limited made significant efficiency gains – some of which have already been shared with our customers, shareholders, employees and the region – and that the Environmental Services businesses have begun to generate operating profit – a trend which we confidently expect to continue.

NWL's drinking water achieved a compliance rate of 99.8%, improving on the standard which has put NWL at the top of the league table in England and Wales, and further progress was achieved in both sewerage services and bathing water quality. Operating costs were cut by 7.2%, leading to a step change in efficiency.

Environmental Services posted an operating profit of £0.5 million for the second half. Major contracts have been won by the waste management business, and the acquisition of Buhler gives the Group a leading position in waste water sampling equipment. Entec, the environmental consultancy business, broke even in the last three quarters.

The Board remains committed to enhancing shareholder value and believes strongly that shareholders should benefit directly from the Group's high level of performance. We have already announced our intention to reduce dividend cover to 2.5 times within the next few years. We are exploring methods, within the general context emerging within the industry, of delivering further benefits to shareholders and customers for the results achieved to date and for the out-performance which we are confident of achieving in the future.

The strength of the year's performance serves to reinforce the Board's confidence in Northumbrian's strong prospects as an independent, integrated environmental business.

SALIENT FIGURES

	1995	1994	
Turnover	£318.2m	£298.6m	+6.6%
Operating Profit	£107.3m	£77.6m	+38.3%
Profit Before Tax	£90.4m	£62.8m	+43.9%
Dividends Per Share	28.2p	24.3p	+16.0%

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STOCK MARKET

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City goes on bid alert as Zeneca shares soar

THE City went on bid alert as shares of **Zeneca**, the pharmceutical group demerged from ICI two years ago, soared 75p to £10.68, adding more than £700 million to the group's stock market value.

Trading became so frantic that prices on trading screens at one stage became indicative, with market-makers refusing to make firm quotes. At these levels, Zeneca is capitalised at more than £10 billion, a full £1 billion more than Glaxo paid for Wellcome earlier this year.

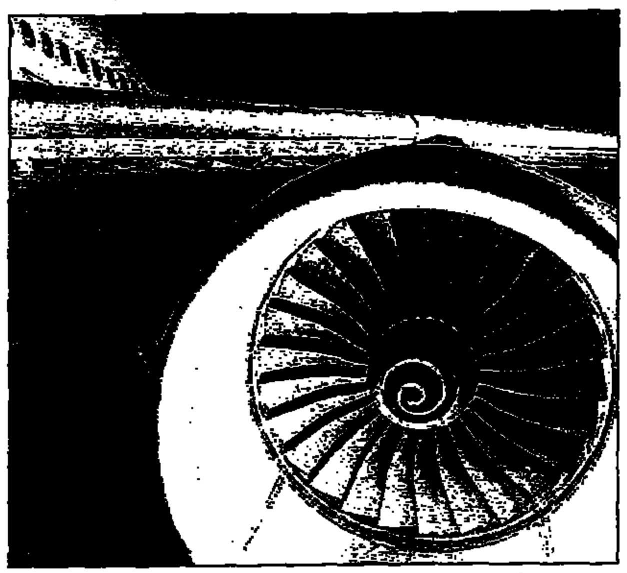
A successful offer for the company would make it the biggest takeover in British corporate history. The company said it knew of no reason for the rise in the shares other than possible investor assesment of the strength of its new product portfolio.

But talk in the Square Mile suggests a bid from either one of the big US or European pharmaceutical companies, such Roche and Sandoz, of Switzerland, or Pfizer, of the US, is on the way. Roche and Sandoz refused to comment on talk of a bid.

But the speculators are already talking of an offer worth £12 a share, or 20 times earnings. By the close of business last night, a total of 7.35 million Zeneca shares had been traded, with further activity recorded on the traded options market where Smith New Court, the broker, bought calls in the July £10.50 series and sold puts to help to finance the deal. County NatWest also sold 1,000 put options, equivalent to a million shares. Brokers say that such an offer for Zeneca would underpin the price paid by Glaxo for Wellcome. Either way, a radical revaluation of Zeneca is under way. Things are never likely to be the same again for the company.

The support for Zeneca rubbed off on the other drug companies, with **Fisons**, a takeover favourite thatvhas been linked with Zeneca, climbing 11p to 193p. **Glaxo Wellcome** firmed 16½p to 749p.

Meanwhile, the speculators were having a field day with **VSEL**, the Trident submarine maker, as it responded to news of the "knockout" terms from **GEC** with a leap of 302p to £21.40. GEC is offering £21.50 in cash, valuing the company at £835 million and dwarfing the revised terms from **British Aerospace** worth £17.85 a share. Last night, as VSEL urged shareholders to take no action, brokers were shortening the odds on a GEC victory, with its cash resources likely to prove more attractive to City fund managers.



Shares in Rolls-Royce, maker of the Trent engine, rose

BAe has already been forced to ask shareholders for extra cash to fund the last offer and would be hard pressed to increase its terms. Extra shares would have to be issued and existing shareholders would be heavily diluted.

City speculators refuse to rule out the possibility of GEC launching a full bid for British Aerospace, down 14p at 527p, as well at some stage. GEC finished 2p down at 322p.

This flurry of speculative attention had a positive effect on the rest of the equity market, with share prices ending on a firm note after a day of sharp fluctuations.

The FT-SE 100 index recovered from an early ten-point fall and, at one stage, was more than 24 points higher. It closed 10.0 up at a new high for the year of 3,380.8 on turnover of almost 600 million shares. Brokers reflected that without yesterday's takeover chat the market may have closed lower on the day.

The focus in the defence sector may have been on VSEL, but shares of Cobham, the old Flight Refuelling, also gained ground. Cobham is Britain's fifth largest defence contractor and on Wednesday expressed confidence over its future to Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. The shares closed 10p better at 389p.

Rolls-Royce made the most of the news that General Electric was having teething problems with its GE90 engine designed for the new range of giant civil aircraft. The GE90 is a direct competitor to R-R's Trent engine and both have been selected to power the new Boeing 777. British Airways has chosen the GE90 for its fleet of 777's. Rolls shares were up 4½p to 190½.

There were a few black spots in the retail sector, with **Etam** falling 30p to 176p after warning of a first-half trading loss if sales remained at their current depressed levels. **Austin Reed** was another casualty, dropping 14p to 198p after warning shareholders of a drop in first-half results.

The decision by **Pilkington** to clear the decks with its latest set of figures was greeted positively by the City, with the shares adding 13p to 191p. This was in spite of huge losses after write-offs totalling £406 million relating the disposal of Visioncare, its contact lens operation.

As a result, the group weighed in with pre-tax losses of £248 million, compared with a profit last time of £97 million. Before the write-offs, pre-tax profits had grown from £72 million to £144 million. The dividend was also increased.

It was better news at **Chubb**, with pre-tax profits growing 15.6 per cent last year to £89.1 million as the benefits of the second phase of its business development programme began to filter through.

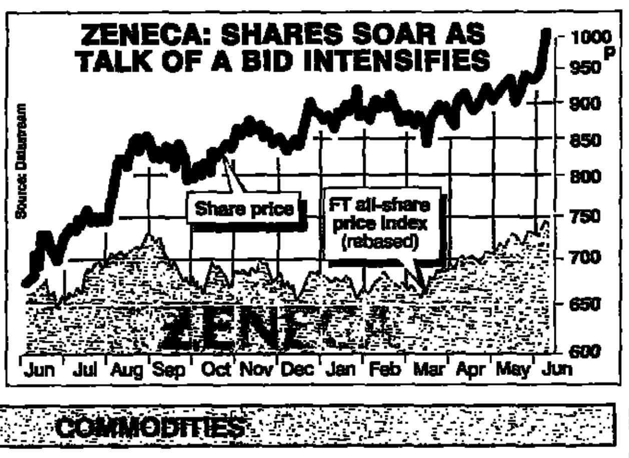
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Prices opened lower in response to a sharp in fall in US Treasury bonds overnight in the wake of some disparaging comments about the American economy.

The latest industrial production figures provided further evidence of a slowdown in the economy, but received scant attention. Investors appeared in a gloomy mood and instead concentrated their attention on the latest CBI survey showing price rises gathering pace. This prompted fresh selling although the market stabilised towards the close.

In the futures pit, the September series of the Long Gilt tumbled £$^{13}/_{16}$ to £107$^{13}/_{32}$ as turnover soared to 94,000 contracts. Conventional issues again saw the biggest falls among the longer dated coupons, with benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 down a full £1 at £100½. At the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 fell £$^{19}/_{32}$ to £101$^{23}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Caution before publication of the producer price report for May left Wall Street shares mixed. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 2.07 points to 4,464.10.

ZENECA: SHARES SOAR AS TALK OF A BID INTENSIFIES



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Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	15442.30 (-237.32)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9292.78 (-89.80)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	435.62 (+0.93)
Sydney:	
AO	1998.2 (-17.4)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2130.97 (-10.10)
Singapore:	
Straits	2175.48 (-3.63)
Brussels:	
General	7590.26 (-75.60)
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CAC-40	1951.19 (-23.50)
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SKA Gen	661.70 (-2.00)
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FT 100	3380.8 (+10.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	3698.1 (+2.3)
FT-SE-A 350	1678.7 (+4.1)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1371.16 (-3.60)
FT A All-Share	1658.48 (+3.64)
FT Non Financials	1782.47 (+7.71)
FT Fixed Interest	114.13 (-0.53)
FT Govt Secs	94.38 (-0.62)
Bargains	24075
SEAQ Volume	610.4m
USM (Datastrm)	158.24 (+0.09)
US$	1.5872 (-0.0050)
German Mark	2.2543 (+0.0138)
Exchange Index	84.5 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2059
£:SDR	1.0198
RPI	149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	700	-28
Dumyat IT Cv An Div	103	-2
Dumyat IT Mthly Div	103	-2
Finsbury Worldwide	101	...
Gradus Group (122)	126	...
Gus Carter (80)	91	...
Intl Energy	112	...
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
NatWest Irish Smlr (100)	95	...
Oryx India	650	...
Precoat Int (125)	141	...
Schroder Inc Grth Fd	108	+1
Silk Industries (125)	140	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Daniels (S) n/p (34)	25	...
David Brown n/p (205)	27	...
Laser-Scan n/p (10)	3	...
Prime People n/p (4)	1	...
Regal Hotel n/p (35)	¼	...
Scot/New Non-Int n/p	39	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Berkeley Gp	392p (+7p)
Meyer Intl	321p (+8p)
Pilkington	189p (+11p)
Travis Perkins	311p (+7p)
Mang Bronze	149p (+6p)
Oxford Inst	391p (+22p)
Six Hundred	94p (+13p)
Vosper Thorny	853p (+10p)
First Tech	449p (+15p)
Scholl	177p (+6p)
EMAP	461p (+6p)
Fisons	193p (+11p)
Br Land	434p (+7p)
Chelsfield	184p (+8p)
Argos Plc	445p (+8p)
Brown & Jackson	157p (+16p)
Storehouse	278p (+6p)
FALLS:	
Lloyds	654p (-9p)
TSB	257p (-8p)
Brit Biotech	515p (-10p)
Watmough	408p (-7p)
Austin Reed	198p (-14p)
Elam	176p (-30p)
Chubb Sec	314p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Raising a glass

PILKINGTON'S shareholders are used to seeing red ink splashed around its accounts but at least they can feel reassured that the £375 million goodwill write-off has no effect on the group's balance sheet or the long, slow haul of improving profits and reducing debts.

Pilkington's experience in the contact lens business is another salutary warning to companies which diversify into exciting new industries. But the sins of the past do not detract from Pilkington's present performance. A modest upturn in volumes and prices has had a dramatic effect on profits. As importantly, cash flow has turned strongly positive with the operations generating £100 million in the year. This makes the group's goal of reducing gearing to 40 per cent look easily achievable, particularly since it has the option of floating its Australian business.

Pilkington's shares recovered their lustre yesterday as the speed of the group's recovery sank in. They now sit on an undemanding 13 times current year earnings forecasts.

They will come under pressure, however, if investors start to worry that the industrial cycle has peaked, particularly in the US. But Pilkington is still generating an operating margin of only 5 per cent from its European businesses so there is more to aim for.

Lower debts give the group the opportunity to expand into new markets where competition is softer. Given the returns it is generating in South America, that should be a priority. Pilkington's Polish plant has now opened, and the group is eyeing up the rest of eastern Europe. Experience shows that international expansion is a better antidote to cyclicality than wild-eyed diversification.

3i Group

THE City has a problem with 3i. The reason for such disappointment over its 10.5 per cent rise in net asset value to 346p is the difficulty that observers have in calculating the value of its assets.

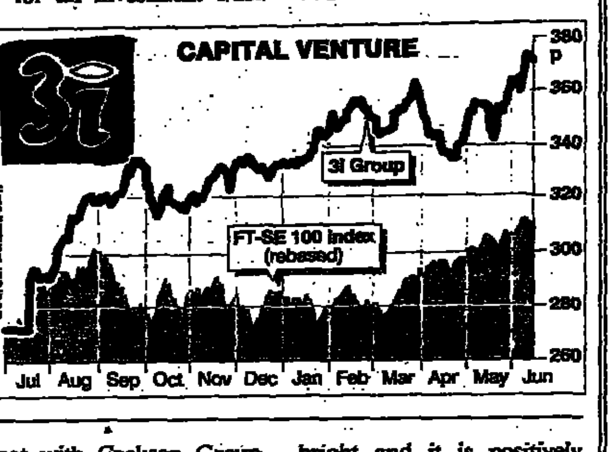
3i is one of a kind. It has investment trust status but its portfolio is different from those of its competitors. It has investments of varying amounts in 3,000 firms, from start-ups through buyouts to established firms needing growth capital. This compares with a typical investment trust with holdings in 100 listed companies. Their asset values can be calculated on a daily basis. 3i formally calculates its NAV twice a year.

The directors of 3i could justifiably feel peeved at the market's reaction to the results. The company outperformed all its benchmarks. Its NAV growth and a near-13 per cent return on opening shareholders funds compare with a 7.2 per cent fall in the FT-SE SmallCap index.

Given the 8.8 per cent rise in the value of that index in the last two months, if 3i's NAV has followed suit, it will be about 376p. Unusually for an investment trust, 3i's shares have traded at a small premium to NAV. Now, with a large amount of stock about to be made available, they are trading at a discount.

While growth this year is unlikely to be at the same level, if the economy grows and small companies perform well as a result, then 3i will thrive too.

CAPITAL VENTURE



Johnson Matthey

JOHNSON Matthey's loss of the General Motors autocatalyst contract — not entirely unexpected since JM and GM are in legal dispute — took the shine off otherwise respectable results.

The loss might be a disappontment. But it is not a disaster. GM bought 10 per cent of JM's autocatalyst units, but did not supply 10 per cent of profits.

The group still holds lead position in the world market with a 35 per cent stake. It is also, today, the largest gold refiner in the world.

JM has come far since being on its knees in the 1980s, and a 1995 operating profit that crossed the £100 million barrier (£81.5 million) was no mean achievement.

The return on net assets, is now 20.9 per cent — up from 18.3 per cent over the reporting period. Despite last November's failure to tie the knot with Cookson Group, there is still much going JM's way.

The profits stream from autocatalysts is all but assured, given ever tighter world pollution control and the explosion in world vehicle numbers is another plus.

However, it is in the semiconductor market where JM's next leap forward must be expected. A year of stragetic acquisitions in this field would not surprise.

Because metal prices do dance about, JM's share price can be volatile. A prospective 15.5 times rating, based on 1996 profit hopes of £106 million, recognises JM's long term attractions.

Chubb Security

CHUBB must wonder what it has to do to please. Reporting profits ahead of City forecasts and improving margins left the market still wanting more and marking down the price. But the figures were solid, order books seem bright and it is positively bouncing in Asia.

Since parting company from Racal, Chubb has worked hard to improve its position in a fairly static market. It has eliminated loss-making businesses, targeted areas for expansion and built up a tidy cash reserve along the way — £69 million to date. True, this cash is lying idle but Chubb has signalled that it will soon get out its cheque book.

The company is midway through a four-year programme through which it aims to improve market share by 2 per cent. The signs point to that programme being solidly on course. Although its safes business suffered in Europe, Chubb overall looks in safe hands and a reasonably safe bet for investment.

Not a cheap one however — it stands at a 12 per cent premium to the market — but on profits of £104 million this year the p/e ratio is about 15, which is high enough.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	930-929	Sep	1039-1038
Sep	949-948	Dec	1060-1055
Dec	974-972	Mar	1080-1070
Mar	997-996	May	1100-1080
May	1010-1009		
Jul	1025-1024		Volume: 15457

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	2754-2750	Mar	2675-2670
Sep	2691-2690	May	2680-2660
Nov	2695-2685	Jul	2675-2650
Jan	2685-2680		Volume: 5189

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	281.0-79.5
Spot: 403.5		May	284.0-81.5
Aug	360.5-59.0	Aug	287.0-84.5
Oct	300.5-99.8	Oct	269.5-67.5
Dec	284.5-83.5		Volume: 1793

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 7

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.54	113.58	124.29
(+/-)	+0.28	-4.65	+1.22
Eng/Wales:	94.54	113.32	123.39
(+/-)	+0.28	-5.18	+0.97
(%)	+9.0	+8.0	+9.0
Scotland:	unq	116.82	130.21
(+/-)	—	+3.32	+4.08
(%)	—	+44.0	-22.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.85	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.75	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.55	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	18.95	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.80	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 196 (-4)	O: 200 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	157 (+1)	159 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	156 (+1)	157 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	153 (-2)	154 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	95 (n/c)	98 (n/c)
Naphtha	185 (-3)	187 (-3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	154.75-55.00	Sep	153.50-53.75
Jul	151.75-52.00	Oct	156.00-56.25
Aug	152.00-52.25		Vol: 20615

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	17.76-17.77	Oct	17.23-17.27
Aug	17.55-17.57	Nov	17.14 BID
Sep	17.34-17.37		Vol: 29452

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	126.15	Sep	105.50
Sep	107.40	Nov	106.40
Nov	108.25	Jan	109.25
Jan	110.25	Mar	111.25
Mar	112.25	May	112.75
Volume: 215		Volume: 8	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	113.0	112.0
May	unq	135.0
Jun	...	—
		Volume: 34

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jul 101.75-102.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 95	1925	1910	1918
Jul 95	1820	1775	1800
Aug 95	1775	1765	1785
Oct 95	1800	1760	1785
Vol: 400 lots		Open interest: 3599	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2908.0-2909.0	2977.0-2978.0	1969775
Lead ($/tonne)	605.00-605.50	616.50-617.50	125425
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1008.0-1008.5	1032.0-1033.0	610707
Tin ($/tonne)	6445.0-6455.0	6335.0-6340.0	18510
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1767.0-1768.0	1791.5-1792.0	1143775
Nickel ($/tonne)	7730.0-7740.0	7860.0-7865.0	77052

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Dom.	500	49	61	68	1	5	11
(*544½)	550	12	28	36	14	22	29
Argyll	330	7	17	24	13	17	21
(*334½)	360	1	7	13	36	38	41
ASDA	80	8	10	12	0	3	4
(*87½)	90	2	5	6	4	7	9
Boots	500	31	38	45	5	10	17
(*530½)	550	4	13	21	35	37	42
Br Airways	390	21	28	35	6	12	17
(*409)	430	4	14	21	34	28	32
BP	420	29	38	45	3	7	11
(*445)	460	5	16	23	18	25	29
Br Steel	160	8	12	14	3	6	8
(*166½)	180	0	4	6	17	18	20
C & W	390	29	41	49	3	10	13
(*413)	420	11	23	32	15	23	26
CU	600	30	43	55	8	21	27
(*610½)	650	7	19	31	34	49	54
ICI	750	54	65	82	3	13	18
(*796)	800	19	34	52	18	33	39
Kingfishr	460	15	28	38	12	23	29
(*460)	500	3	12	21	40	48	53
Land Sec	600	38	53	60	3	8	13
(*631½)	650	9	23	31	23	28	34
M & S	390	32	41	49	1	4	7
(*419)	420	9	21	30	9	14	18
Nat West	550	23	35	45	10	22	26
(*560½)	600	4	13	22	41	52	55
Sainsbury	430	38	47	54	1	4	7
(*454)	460	9	20	29	12	18	21
Shell	750	30	45	55	6	17	21
(*770)	800	5	17	29	32	43	47
Smkl Bch	500	56	64	74	1	5	10
(*551½)	550	17	30	43	13	21	29
Storehse	260	19	24	29	3	7	9
(*277½)	280	6	12	17	12	16	17
Trafalgar	45	5	7	9	1	3	4
(*49)	50	2	5	6	3	5	6
Unilever	1250	28	58	80	19	37	41
(*1250)	1300	10	33	55	52	61	68
Zeneca	1000	86	112	132	14	31	29
(*1067½)	1050	54	82	104	29	52	48
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met.	390	22	31	38	7	11	17
(*406½)	420	7	17	23	23	22	32
Ladbroke	160	22	25	29	1	2	4
(*179)	180	9	12	16	6	9	12
Utd Bisc	330	19	27	34	8	15	19
(*336½)	360	7	14	20	26	32	35

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
BAA	460	29	39	47	3	8	12
(*489)	500	6	17	26	22	26	30
Thames W	500	7	18	24	23	29	36
(*501½)	550	0	5	9	69	70	72
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	500	27	36	47	15	21	24
(*512½)	550	8	15	24	47	51	53
BTR	330	20	24	30	5	10	12
(*341½)	360	5	10	15	20	26	28
Br Aero	495	47	59	—	10	18	—
(*527)	545	20	32	—	32	41	—
Br Telcm	390	18	22	25	11	15	20
(*399½)	420	5	9	12	32	34	39
Cadbury	447	35	—	—	4	—	—
(*473)	486	12	—	—	20	—	—
Guinness	460	29	35	45	9	14	18
(*472½)	500	6	16	25	31	34	39
GEC	300	25	27	30	4	7	9
(*322)	330	6	11	15	19	22	24
Hanson	231	9	12	15	6	10	13
(*231½)	251	2	5	7	20	23	26
LASMO	160	12	17	22	4	6	8
(*166)	180	3	8	12	15	17	19
Lucas	180	22	26	28	2	6	8
(*198½)	200	9	14	17	9	14	17
Pilkingtn	180	12	16	20	5	7	9
(*188½)	200	3	7	10	16	18	20
Prudential	330	23	29	35	5	11	13
(*343½)	360	8	14	20	20	26	28
Redland	420	35	44	52	5	12	16
(*445)	460	13	22	31	23	31	35
R-Royce	180	16	20	25	3	7	9
(*191)	200	6	10	15	13	17	19
Tesco	280	24	30	35	2	6	9
(*299)	300	11	18	23	9	14	17
Vodafone	220	12	19	24	9	11	15
(*224)	240	4	11	15	22	23	27
Williams	330	18	23	30	6	11	13
(*338½)	360	4	9	15	23	28	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3377.1)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Jun	135	87	43	15	2	1
Jul	160	120	84	53	31	17
Aug	167	130	98	69	46	29
Sep	187	150	120	91	68	48
Dec	—	207	—	149	—	102
Puts						
Jun	2	3	11	34	78	128
Jul	13	23	38	61	91	130
Aug	25	37	55	77	109	140
Sep	35	48	67	89	117	150
Dec	—	85	—	126	—	180

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	460	33	43	52	0	8	11
(*491½)	500	5	18	28	12	25	28
Amstrad	200	15	22	27	1	5	8
(*214½)	220	2	11	16	7	13	17
Barclays	660	36	50	63	1	14	21
(*683½)	700	4	21	39	21	37	44
Blue Circ	300	10	21	28	2	11	15
(*307½)	330	0	8	15	22	28	32
Br Gas	300	15	24	28	1	4	9
(*314½)	330	0	7	12	16	19	24
Dixons	240	7	13	18	3	10	13
(*244)	260	0	5	10	16	23	25
Forte	220	14	19	24	0	3	6
(*233)	240	1	7	13	8	11	15
Tarmac	110	8	15	17	1	4	6
(*118)	120	2	10	12	4	9	11
Hillsdwn	180	12	17	21	0	2	5
(*191½)	200	1	6	11	9	11	15
Lonrho	140	9	12	16	1	4	6
(*147½)	160	0	4	7	13	16	17
Sears	110	3	7	9	1	3	4
(*112)	120	0	3	5	8	9	10
Thrn EMI	1250	23	50	67	11	42	52
(*1262½)	1300	3	27	44	38	73	81
Tomkins	220	20	23	27	0	4	6
(*239½)	240	4	10	15	4	13	15
TSB	240	17	23	29	0	6	10
(*256½)	260	3	11	18	6	15	18
Wellcome	1000	65	69	—	0	1	—
(*1065)	1050	21	25	—	1	10	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	55	69	76	3	17	21
(*747)	750	21	37	47	19	39	44
HSBC	800	58	80	98	11	29	39
(*842½)	850	28	52	74	30	52	62
Reuter	460	39	51	62	3	10	13
(*492½)	500	13	27	39	17	26	30
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	300	33	39	46	2	8	11
(*329½)	330	12	20	29	11	20	23
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	180	13	22	27	0	6	9
(*192½)	200	2	11	16	8	15	18
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	650	33	49	59	29	38	47
(*663½)	700	14	29	39	63	69	76
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	23	27	36	3	12	16
(*481½)	500	1	9	16	31	35	38
Scot Pwr	330	8	16	22	3	14	18
(*334½)	360	0	4	10	25	35	37

June 8, 1995 Tot: 34169 Call: 18538 Put: 15631 FT-SE Call: 6323 Put: 7929

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 78875	Jun 95	3370.0	3400.0	3370.0	3382.0	16699
	Sep 95	3400.0	3422.5	3396.0	3406.5	5949
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 5364	Jun 95	3706.0	3708.0	3705.0	3710.0	49
	Sep 95	3733.0	3733.0	3733.0	3737.0	20
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 438772	Jun 95	93.25	93.35	93.24	93.32	15598
	Sep 95	93.00	93.14	92.95	93.05	47232
	Dec 95	92.89	93.03	92.72	92.88	48717
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1184	Jun 95				93.97	0
	Sep 95				94.22	0
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 704943	Jun 95	95.56	95.58	95.53	95.56	16089
	Sep 95	95.66	95.68	95.61	95.66	34085
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 127875	Jun 95	108-11	108-25	107-24	107-29	1679
	Sep 95	107-29	108-11	107-05	107-13	97408
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 95	119.11	119.22	118.90	119.16	3475
	Dec 95	118.22	118.22	118.22	118.26	25
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 168236	Sep 95	95.23	95.34	95.05	95.12	140843
	Dec 95	94.84	94.84	94.67	94.63	1120
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 20184	Jun 95	93.83	93.84	93.78	93.82	1085
	Sep 95	93.89	93.92	93.82	93.87	1720
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 47123	Jun 95	96.69	96.71	96.68	96.71	1425
	Sep 95	96.67	96.70	96.61	96.67	4290
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 39039	Sep 95	100.20	100.53	99.80	100.20	34567
	Dec 95				99.80	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6[illegible] Week fixed: 6

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth: 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6[illegible], close 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	5.96	n/a	5.96	5.90	5.90
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $385.90-386.40 Close: $385.10-385.60 High: $385.90-386.40 Low: $384.90-385.40 AM: $385.95 PM: $385.05

Krugerrand: $386.00-388.00 (£242.50-244.50)

Platinum: $435.75 (£273.80) Silver: $5.31 (£3.335) Palladium: $157.00 (£98.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5141-2.5269	2.5220-2.5269	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	46.16-46.44	46.28-46.44	9-5pr	27-16pr
Copenhagen	8.7680-8.8110	8.7970-8.8110	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	0.9799-0.9839	0.9813-0.9839	1ds-2pr	3ds-2pr
Frankfurt	2.2476-2.2545	2.2514-2.2545	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	236.00-237.40	236.20-237.40	58-65ds	192-210ds
Madrid	194.71-195.63	195.34-195.63	46-56ds	147-165ds
Milan	2612.60-2628.20	2618.50-2628.20	8-10ds	25-29ds
Montreal	2.1858-2.1925	2.1858-2.1889	0.13-0.23ds	0.23-0.38ds
New York	1.5870-1.5928	1.5918-1.5928	0.05-0.03pr	0.24-0.19pr
Oslo	9.993-10.046	10.031-10.046	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	7.8990-7.9430	7.9290-7.9430	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.4770-11.5340	11.5100-11.5340	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	134.57-135.30	135.04-135.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	15.80-15.90	15.87-15.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	1.8540-1.8605	1.8576-1.8604	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3863-1.3873
Austria	9.94-9.95
Belgium (Com)	29.04-29.05
Canada	1.3769-1.3774
Denmark	5.5110-5.5160
France	4.9640-4.9690
Germany	1.4142-1.4147
Hong Kong	7.7340-7.7350
Ireland	1.6180-1.6200
Italy	1643.50-1645.00
Japan	84.75-84.85
Malaysia	2.4375-2.4385
Netherlands	1.5815-1.5820
Norway	6.2820-6.2870
Portugal	148.68-148.78
Singapore	1.3910-1.3920
Spain	122.42-122.52
Sweden	7.2200-7.2300
Switzerland	1.1662-1.1667

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5898-1.5924
Australia dollar	2.2041-2.2063
Bahrain dinar	0.592-0.604
Brazil real*	1.4403-1.4445
China yuan	12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.706-0.716
Finland markka	6.830-6.946
Greece drachma	356.5-365.5
Hong Kong dollar	12.2978-12.3033
India rupee	49.37-50.33
Indonesia rupiah	3495.0-3563.5
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4695-0.4795
Malaysia ringgit	3.8756-3.8784
New Zealand dollar	2.3696-2.3721
Pakistan rupee	49.03 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8875-6.0135
Singapore dollar	2.2117-2.2140
S Africa rand (com)	5.789-5.891
U A E dirham	5.765-5.889

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	468	Lloyds Bk	1,800
ASDA Gp	5,700	MEPC	306
Abbey Natl	2,300	Marks Spr	2,500
Alld Dom	1,600	NatWst Bk	3,300
Argyll Gp	4,400	Nat Power	2,100
Arjo Wiggn	1,600	Nth Wst W	463
AB Foods	142	P & O	2,300
BAA	2,200	Pearson	890
BAT Inds	2,800	PowerGen	1,100
BOC	622	Prudential	2,000
BP	4,500	REXAM	4,700
BTR	5,600	RMC	100
BT	9,100	RTZ	1,900
Bk of Scot	757	Rank Org	1,800
Barclays	2,400	Reckitt Col	569
Bass	1,100	Redland	1,200
Blue Circle	1,100	Reed Intl	1,100
Boots	1,600	Rentokil	1,500
Brit Aero	7,500	Reuters	1,200
Brit Airwys	2,300	Rolls Royce	5,000
Brit Gas	11,000	Ryl Ins	6,100
Brit Steel	6,900	Ryl Bk Scot	2,900
Burmah Cstl	271	Sainsbury	1,800
Cable Wire	1,300	Schroders	38
Cadbury	3,000	Scot & New	1,300
Caradon	996	Scot Power	2,200
Carlton Cms	116	Sears	3,200
Cm Union	3,600	Svrn Trent	1,100
Courtaulds	1,800	Shell Trans	3,000
De La Rue	371	Siebe	613
Eastern Elec	2,300	SmKl Bch	7,900
Emerpr Oil	1,100	Smith Nph	1,500
Forte	3,600	Sthern Elec	314
GKN	1,900	Std Chard	3,000
GRE	1,800	Sun Allnce	3,800
GUS	2,700	TI Gp	476
Gen Acc	1,300	TSB	3,400
Gen Elec	3,700	Tate & Lyle	2,100
Glaxo Well	8,100	Tesco	2,600
Granada	1,900	Thames W	809
Grand Met	3,700	Thrn EMI	2,100
Guinness	3,400	Tomkins	2,000
HSBC	3,400	Unilever	1,500
Hanson	5,900	Utd Bisc	580
ICI	565	Vodafone	11,000
Inchcape	717	Warburg	2,200
Kingfisher	3,300	Whitbread	3,000
Ladbroke	626	Wlms Hld	1,100
Land Secs	1,100	Wolseley	1,000
Legal & Gn	777	Zeneca	7,300

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AMP Inc	42	42
AMR Corp	69	69
AT & T	50	49
Abbott Labs	39	39
Advanced Micro	34	33
Aetna Life	61	59
Ahmanson (HF)	22	22
Air Prod & Chem	52	52
Albertson's	28	29
Alcan Aluminm	29	29
Alco Standard	73	73
Allied Signal	40	40
Alum Co of Am	45	45
Amax Gold Inc	5	5
Amerada Hess	49	49
Amer Brands	39	39
Amer El Power	34	34
Amer Express	35	34
Amer Genl Corp	34	34
Amer Home Pr	74	76
Amer Intl	117	117
Amer Stores	28	28
Ameritech	42	42
Amoco	67	68
Anheuser-Busch	57	58
Apple Computer	42	43
Archer Daniels	18	18
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	51	50
Asarco	28	28
Ashland Oil	35	35
Atl Richfield	114	114
Auto Data Pro	62	63
Avery Dennison	41	41
Avon Products	69	69
Baker Hughes	22	22
Baltim Gas & El	24	25
Banc One	32	33
BankAmerica	52	51
Bank of NY	42	43
Bankers Tr NY	62	62
Barnett Banks	48	48
Bausch & Lomb	40	41
Baxter Intl	34	34
Becton Dicknsn	57	58
Bell Atlantic	54	54
Bell Industries	19	19
BellSouth	60	60
Black & Decker	31	32
Block (H&R)	36	37
Boeing	62	61
Boise Cascade	34	34
Bristol Myrs Sq	68	68
Browning Ferris	35	36
Brunswick	18	18
Burlington Nthn	60	60
CBS	67	67
CNA Financial	85	85
CPC Intl	60	60
CSX	73	74
Campbell Soup	48	48
Can Pacific	16	16
Cpd Cities ABC	95	95
Carolina Pwr	29	29
Caterpillar	62	60
Central & SW	25	25
Champion Intl	47	47
Chase Manhat	48	47
Chemical Bk	46	46
Chevron Corp	48	48
Chrysler	44	44
Chubb Corp	89	82
Cigna Corp	74	75
Citicorp	53	53
Clorox	61	60
Coastal Corp	31	31
Coca Cola	60	60
Colgate-Palmolive	76	75
Columbia Gas	31	31
Compaq Comp	39	40
Comp Ass Inc	65	65
Conagra	37	37
Conrail	52	52
Cons Edison	29	30
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cooper Inds	36	36
Corning Inc	32	31
Crown Cork	49	49
Dana Corp	27	28
Dayton Hudson	72	72
Deere	86	86
Delta Air Lines	67	68
Deluxe Corp	31	31
Detroit Edison	29	30
Digital Equip	41	42
Dillard Dept St	29	29
Disney (Walt)	57	57
Dominion Res	37	37
Donnelley (RR)	36	36
Dover Corp	66	65
Dow Chemical	72	72
Dow Jones	35	35
Dresser	22	22
Duke Power	40	41
Dun & Bradstreet	53	53
Du Pont	67	67
Eastman Kodak	61	61
Eaton Corp	59	59
Emerson Elec	69	68
Engelhard Corp	41	41

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Enron Corp	36	36
Entergy	25	25
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	71	71
FMC Corp	62	62
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	59	59
Fed Nat Mrtge	96	96
First Chicago	57	58
First Interstate	84	85
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	35	36
Fluor Corp	50	50
Ford Motor	29	30
GTE Corp	33	33
Gannett	54	53
Gap Inc Del	34	34
Gen Dynamics	45	45
Gen Electric	57	57
Gen Mills	51	51
Gen Motors	47	47
Gen Reinsurance	135	134
Gen Signal	37	36
Genuine Parts	39	39
Georgia Pac	78	77
Gillette	85	84
Glaxo Wellc ADR	23	23
Goodrich (BF)	49	49
Goodyear Tire	42	42
Grace (WR)	63	64
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	21	21
Halliburton	38	38
Harcourt General	41	41
Heinz (HJ)	44	44
Hercules	51	51
Hershey Foods	52	52
Hewlett Packard	68	68
Hilton Hotels	66	66
Home Depot	40	40
Homestake Mng	16	16
Honeywell	38	39
Household Intl	49	49
Houston Inds	42	43
Humana	23	22
ITT Corp	110	110
Illinois Tool	50	50
Illinova	25	25
INCO	25	24
Ingersoll Rand	37	37
Inland Steel	28	28
Intel Corp	113	113
IBM	88	89
Intl Flav & Fr	49	49
Intl Paper	79	79
James River Va	27	27
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	66	66
Kellogg	67	66
Kerr-McGee	53	54
Kimberly-Clark	58	58
Kmart	14	14
Knight-Ridder	54	54
Lilly (Eli)	77	76
Limited Inc	21	21
Lin Brdcstng	123	123
Lincoln Nat	44	44
Litton	38	38
Liz Claiborne	17	18
Lockheed Martin	59	59
Louisiana Pac	23	22
MCI Comm	20	20
Marriott Int	34	34
Marsh & McLnn	78	78
Masco Corp	28	29
May Dept St	40	41
Maytag Corp	16	16
McDonalds	36	36
McDonnell D	72	72
McGraw Hill	74	79
Mead Corp	54	54
Medtronic	74	74
Mellon Bk	43	42
Melville Corp	35	35
Merck Inc	48	48
Merrill Lynch	49	49
Minnesota Ming	58	58
Mobil Corp	99	100
Monsanto	85	85
Morgan (JP)	71	71
Motorola Inc	60	59
Natl Semi	27	26
Natl Service Ind	28	28
Navistar Int	15	15
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	22	22
Newmont Mng	41	41
Niag Mohawk	14	15
Nike B	79	80
NL Industries	16	16
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	43	43
Norfolk Sthn	64	65
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	28	28
Nynex Corp	40	40
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	21	21
Oracle	35	35
Oryx Energy Co	14	14
Owens Corning	36	36

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PPG Industries	42	42
PNC Bank	27	27
Paccar Inc	48	47
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	29	29
Pac Telesis	27	27
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	24	25
Parker Hannifin	37	37
Peco Energy	28	29
Penney (JC)	47	48
Pennzoil	48	48
Pepsico	46	46
Pfizer	88	88
Phelps Dodge	56	56
Philip Morris	71	73
Phillips Pet	34	34
Pitney Bowes	37	37
Polaroid	37	37
PriceCostco	14	14
Procter & Gmbl	70	70
Providian	36	36
Pub Serv E & G	29	29
Quaker Oats	34	34
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	37	37
Raytheon	77	77
Reebok Intl	35	34
Reynolds Metals	49	49
Roadway Srvcs	44	43
Rockwell Intl	45	45
Rohm & Haas	58	57
Royal Dutch	125	125
Rubbermaid	30	30
SBC Comms	45	45
Safeco Corp	58	59
St Paul's Cos	50	50
Salomon Inc	41	41
Santa Fe Pac	24	24
Sara Lee Corp	27	27
Scecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	79	79
Schlumberger	64	64
Scott Paper	42	42
Seagram	28	29
Sears Roebuck	57	56
Shell Trans	74	74
Sherwin Wllms	36	36
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	34	34
Southern Co	22	22
Sprint Corp	32	32
Stanley Works	40	40
Sun Company	31	31
Sun Microsys	48	48
Suntrust	57	57
Supervalu	28	28
Sysco Corp	28	28
TRW Inc	78	78
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	15	15
Tandy Corp	46	46
Teledyne	23	24
Temple Inland	44	45
Tenneco	47	47
Texaco	68	68
Texas Inst	119	118
Texas Utilities	34	34
Textron	59	59
Time Warner	39	39
Times-Mirror A	22	22
Timken	41	41
Torchmark	39	39
Toys R Us	27	26
Transamerica	60	60
Travelers	42	42
Tribune	59	59
Tyco Labs	54	55
UST Inc	29	29
UAL	120	120
US Inds	14	14
USX Marathon	19	19
Unicom	27	27
Unilever NV	127	127
Union Camp	53	53
Union Carbide	30	30
Union Pacific	53	53
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAir Group	9	9
USF&G Corp	18	18
US Life	39	39
US West	39	39
United Tech	77	77
Unocal Corp	28	28
Upjohn	38	38
VF Corp	52	52
WMX Tech	28	28
Wal-Mart Stores	25	25
Warner-Lambert	82	82
Wells Fargo	181	182
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	44	45
Whirlpool	57	57
Whitman	18	18
Winn Dixie	57	57
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	44
Xerox	111	111
Yellow Corp	17	17

Master strategist focused on defence

Ross Tieman reports on the irrepressible rise of a British business legend

Power game: by the 1970s Lord Weinstock, then Sir Arnold, was running a business that ranged from light bulbs to Lightning fighters

David Newlands, finance director of the General Electric Company, was trying to clarify the level of the company's capital investment. "That's not right," said Lord Weinstock, the company's managing director. "We spent money on acquisitions. That's investment too." It was an illuminating vignette.

This view, although at odds with that of the accounting standards authority, is crucial to any understanding of Britain's electrical and electronics colossus and the man who runs it. For 30 years critics have been complaining that GEC buys businesses, but does not build them. And for the same 30 years, Lord Weinstock has ignored his detractors, extending his tentacles to embrace rival companies, one by one, and weld them into a single, dominant, British electronics and electrical engineering business.

Today, GEC has a market capitalisation of £8.9 billion, and annual sales of £9.7 billion. It is the biggest manufacturing company in Britain. The creator of this empire is a graduate of the London School of Economics and one-time estate agent: Arnold Weinstock.

In 1949, he married Netta Sobell. Her father, Sir Michael Sobell, took his young son-in-law into the family firm, Radio & Allied Industries, which at the time was riding to prosperity on the back of Britain's new-found love affair with the television. Radio and Allied was acquired in 1961 by the General Electric Company, the weakest and smallest of the three great British electrical companies. Weinstock was brought into the boardroom. As managing director, he turned GEC into the most profitable of the three, and then with the aid and approval of the Labour Government's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation, he merged its chief rivals into one world-class corporation.

Weinstock's first move, in 1967, was a hostile bid for the underperforming Associated Electrical Industries. A year later, he completed an agreed merger with English Electric, the most technically advanced of the three, which brought with it Marconi's pioneering defence and civil electronics businesses. These deals put Weinstock at the head of a business whose activities ranged from power equipment, through light bulbs, to interests in the Canberra bomber, Lightning fighter and ultimately Concorde.

To Weinstock's regret, both the military and civil aircraft businesses were nationalised in the mid-1970s, along with Hawker Siddeley Aviation and Hawker Siddeley Dynamics to create a company that has haunted him ever since: British Aerospace.

By way of compensation, he turned his attention to the United States, snapping up a string of American companies: White Industrial Power, AB Dick, Cincinnati Electronics, Picker International and Gilbarco.

Weinstock ran his company using methods that have since become the model for management textbooks: delegation of responsibility to managers of subsidiaries, strict financial controls, concise monthly reporting. By the mid-1980s, the search for scale economies in high-tech products created pressures for a new wave of mergers.

GEC pounced on Plessey, its United Kingdom arch-rival in telecommunications equipment and defence electronics. The move was vetoed by the Government after a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry. But two years later, GEC was back, in partnership with Siemens of Germany, with a bid worth £2 billion.

Weinstock had already snapped up Yarrow Shipbuilders, the most technically advanced of the UK warship yards, as the Government denationalised British Shipbuilders. Now Weinstock's new strategy was becoming clear. His target was no less than the domination of the UK defence industry.

But he also had to secure the future of his other British and American businesses in a world where new competitors from the Far East were forcing Western companies into global alliances. This he did with a string of extraordinary deals that showed his mastery of strategic thinking.

GPT, the telephone switchmaker, had already become a joint venture with Siemens. Now GEC's rail equipment, power engineering and electrical manufacturing businesses were combined with those of Alcatel, its French rival, in GEC-Alsthom, a 50/50 joint venture.

The white goods business, best known for its Hotpoint brand, was inserted into a joint venture with the white goods operations of GEC's American rival General Electric.

Space systems — the satellites manufacturing business, was tied into a similar arrangement with Lagardère of France to create Matra-Marconi Space, subsequently mopping up the space systems business of British Aerospace. With two of its three core activities, power engineering and telecoms equipment, securely merged with equally-resourceful foreign partners, Weinstock was free to turn his attention to the defence industry in Britain.

Because of security worries, this was — and still is — the last main industry of international scale to be organised on national lines. But by the late-1980s, Weinstock, with three decades of experience could already detect the portents the deepening internationalisation to come.

When the collapse of the Berlin Wall unleashed a wave of defence spending cuts, he was ready. At bargain basement prices, Weinstock picked the best assets out of his collapsing rivals, starting with Ferranti, the aircraft radar specialist. So parsimonious was he that he even withdrew a rescue bid at the last moment, mopping up the final fragments from the receiver.

These he has now started to weave into a European web. In essence, Weinstock's technique is simplicity itself. Once Weinstock has established dominance of a particular defence technology, and hence control of that aspect of the British defence market, he seeks out a foreign partner from a position of strength.

Doing deals with American defence companies is extremely difficult, because their domestic market is so much larger. Instead, Weinstock has concentrated his attention on French rivals, who share his problems of inadequate scale, have a similar sized domestic market and a comparable urge to develop export sales.

Thus he has already acquired, from Ferranti, a joint venture in sonar systems with Thomson-CSF. He has also set up GEC-Thomson Airbourne Radar, an undertaking that will develop a radar capable of being fitted to both the Eurofighter, the British-French-Italian-Spanish co-production, and the French Rafale when they are ready for a mid-life update in 15 or 20 years time. That is a measure of Weinstock's strategic thinking.

GEC is now a formidable business. Thanks to Weinstock's vision, it is well placed to profit from a worldwide surge in infrastructure investment. Spending on telephone systems, railways and power generation and distribution is surging both in the developed economies and in the industrialising economies of Asia. Activities that stagnated during the 1980s are beginning to enjoy a growth phase.

Critics have attacked GEC's record in the management of defence projects. But as Tim Eggar, the industry minister, pointed out to a Commons select committee only this week, state of the art techniques are by their very nature difficult to bring to fruition. "We should not be afraid to fail, from time to time," he said.

Where GEC has full control of the systems it is developing, its record is certainly no worse than its rivals. Were that not the case, GEC-Marconi would have been dropped as a contractor by the United States Department of Defense years ago.

In reality, however, GEC is the main supplier of head-up displays for many of America's leading combat aircraft, including its next super-fighter, the F22. The company has also developed the main flight computers and controls for the country's first fly-by-wire airliner, the Boeing 777.

Investment by acquisition has served GEC well over the decades. It will do so again. On that at least, as yesterday's massive bid for VSEL shows, Lord Weinstock, and Mr Newlands, are in agreement.

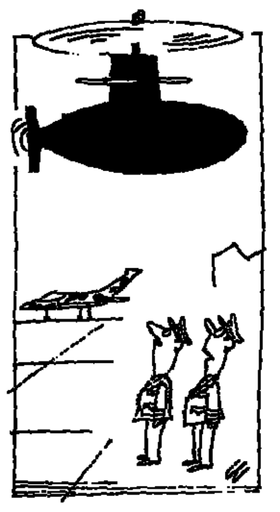
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Poppy Day in silk

DR Marshall Smalley, managing director of Meconic, the speciality chemicals group, now knows what it's like to be desperate for a quick fix. Yesterday, Impact Day, he would have given his back teeth to hold a red poppy. Meconic's stock market debut is on June 16, so what better photographic pose for publicity than with a bunch of poppies? After all, opiates — the backbone of his group — are derived from the poppy. But, Mr Poppy Man's passion had to be restrained. Red poppies are not available in England until late July/August, and the faded exhibits from the Chelsea Flower Show were no good, as they were all of the orange/yellow Iceland variety. So he had to make do with a host of artificial red silk poppies with white leaves instead.

Paternity wheeze

TO PROVE banks can be caring, considerate and thoughtful, I have to report that a regional branch of NatWest, somewhere south of London, recently granted a member of staff three-days paternity leave because her horse was in foal. Dam and offspring are doing well.



"It's Lord Weinstock's latest attack helicopter."

Tea and toast

IF Lord Weinstock and GEC win their takeover battle for VSEL, his hard working troops will have to toast their success in lemonade, drunk out of tea cups. Alcohol misuse at work costs British industry £2 billion a year, employment minister Phillip Oppenheim said yesterday, adding that drinking causes inefficiency and lost production. The Minister was presenting the third annual Alcohol Concern's Company of the Year Award to — The General Electric Company.

MORE Golf Croquet names (City Diary, Tuesday). The Hoopy Henries, Hooping Toffs, The Cock-a-Hoopers, Wicked Wickets, Woody Woodpeggers, Lumphammers, Mallet Ease, Croq-a-Hoop, Croq Au Vin, Wicked Wickets.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Winning entry in the NatWest/*Times* Business Ethics Essay competition

No time to be economical with ethics

ADRIAN BROOKS

Merlin Willcox, who won the NatWest/*Times* Business Ethics Essay competition, receives his £3,000 prize from Derek Wanless, right, chief executive of NatWest. Also pictured are Brandon Wilson, left, who came second and received £2,000, and Lindsay Cook, business editor of *The Times*. Duncan Slater was third and received £1,000

"For at least another hundred years we must pretend to ourselves that fair is foul and foul is fair; for foul is useful and fair is not. Avarice and usury and precaution must be our gods for a little longer still. For only they can lead us out of the tunnel of economic necessity into daylight." Such were the words of Lord Keynes, written in the great depression of 1930. But in this, he was wrong.

Avarice and usury are not the road to universal economic prosperity. For who will benefit from the "daylight" if the rich have learnt not to share their wealth with the poor? Such a road leads not to "daylight", but to division, discontent and instability.

His fundamental mistake was to assume that ethical behaviour cannot be competitive. In contrast with this assumption that "foul is useful and fair is not", the business world is becoming increasingly concerned with ethics. Ethical business practice is now seen as profitable in the long term; and sustained growth is preferred to short-term booms. Therefore, more and more businessmen are asking: "What does 'ethical' actually mean?" The definition is as simple as it is complicated. Ethics are a moral code of what is right and wrong. For a business, "being ethical" entails not only drawing up such a code, but also putting it into practice.

The difficulty comes in trying to decide what is right and what is wrong. No two people have precisely the same opinions. Therefore, critics say, ethics cannot have anything to do with business.

The nitty-gritty of deciding what is right and wrong in a particular situation is a matter for human vision, wisdom and judgment, based on these principles. Such a task cannot be relegated to a computer or solved by mathematical calculation. Many businesses have already taken the first step by drawing up an ethical code of conduct.

There are two areas to consider. First, is it ever in the financial interests of a business to behave ethically? Secondly, can a competitive business be ethical even when financial and ethical principles diverge?

Keynes implied that ethics are always at conflict with profits. But good ethics often increase profits.

Conservation of energy and resources saves money. British Telecom has committed itself to a 15 per cent reduction in energy expenditure by 1997; it is also aiming to save more than one million cubic metres of water per year. Sainsbury has reduced its product packaging by 1,600 tonnes, producing savings of £2.7 million in the year 1993-94.

Good safety standards and employment policies improve productivity. RTZ, the mining giant, prides itself on a lost-time injury rate one third of that in all US mines. B&Q has started to recruit a greater proportion of older people, for whom re-employment prospects are dim. It found that a store trying to employ more people in this age group became one of the most profitable in the chain.

Consumers and investors favour businesses with higher ethical standards. They prefer to buy from companies with a good reputation for customer care and honouring guarantees. There is also increasing concern with the ethics of the production process. Most people prefer products that are less harmful to animals and the environment and made by companies that support the community. Many are even prepared to pay more for fairly traded goods.

The second area is more challenging. When there is conflict between ethics and profits, often it is the money that wins the day. Yet this need not always be so, as the following case shows. High wages for employees undoubtedly decrease profits, so companies are tempted to set up factories in developing countries where labour is much cheaper. Many take advantage of conditions for workers no better than in the sweatshops of Victorian England, but there are significant exceptions.

After condemning a long list of businesses that exploit Indonesian workers, an article recently published by Amnesty International praised Levi Strauss and Gillette for imposing "strict compliance with their own human rights standards", paying "far above the minimum wage", and offering "good benefits".

Of course, it is possible for a business to behave ethically even when this does not maximise its profits. However, it could be argued that this is a luxury for large companies with comfortable profit margins. Even then, ethical behaviour may put them at a disadvantage. For example, if a mining company spends too much time negotiating land claims with the local people, a competitor may surreptitiously conclude a deal with the national Government. If a defect is found more often than expected in a new model of car, the company which recalls, checks and repairs cars to protect its customers' safety may lose out (at least in the short term) to a competitor who forgoes this expense.

These are examples of the most difficult ethical dilemmas facing businesses today. There will always be predators in the jungle, and self-regulation is notoriously ineffective. Can you expect a lion to regulate the numbers of wildebeest it kills, only to benefit the hyenas? In order to protect businesses that behave ethically when it is not to their financial advantage, the law must intervene to prevent competitors from exploiting the situation.

Legislation must ensure that higher costs are incurred by those who do not behave ethically. Some such legislation is already effective, a striking example being the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Poor environmental management resulted in the company having to pay out well over $2 billion. Future changes in the law could also penalise unethical practices. This could be done by introducing more comprehensive taxes on pollution and mandatory reports on ethical progress.

However, laws do not stop at punishing bad behaviour. Through subsidies, governments support certain enterprises; there is much scope for moving this support towards more ethical businesses. For example, instead of subsidising intensive over-production or fallow fields, governments could subsidise organic agriculture. This would decrease the use of artificial pesticides and fertilisers, create more farming jobs, and make organic food affordable for all.

Such changes in the law will only come about if there is sufficient pressure on the Government from all stakeholders in businesses: customers, staff, shareholders, suppliers and the wider community. Businesses can play a leading role by setting themselves higher ethical standards, and pressing for legislation to protect companies that observe these standards.

In conclusion, a competitive business certainly can be ethical. Ethical behaviour often increases competitiveness by saving money, improving productivity, and pleasing consumers. Where ethical behaviour is costly, the law can protect ethical businesses from predatory competitors. Contrary to the words of Keynes, fair is useful and foul is not. Avarice and usury must no longer be our gods. They cannot lead us into daylight.

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BUSINESS LETTER

Willingness to pay a minimum wage should concern minister

From Denis MacShane,
MP for Rotherham

Sir, Phillip Oppenheim, the junior Employment Minister, should be concerned rather than content with the survey showing many — if not all — employers are willing to pay a minimum wage (Business Letters, June 8). He really is fighting a losing battle. Any half-decent employer knows that fair wages are essential to a healthy business.

The more than one million workers earning less than £2.50 an hour are a threat to all other employers who seek fair wages but are undercut by unscrupulous firms whose low-pay policies are encouraged by government policy. Responsible companies and taxpayers are also fed up with the subsidies they have to provide via the benefits system to companies paying poverty wages.

Mr Oppenheim returns to his old chestnut about higher levels of unemployment in France where there is minimum wage. He does not cite the many countries with minimum wages or central wage-fixing systems which have lower unemployment and better job creation records than the UK. Many of these countries, in addition, enjoy lower unit costs which, unlike his rather primitive devotion to productivity rates, are a better indicator of exportability and economic performance.

Even in France, in the 1980s, employment records were better than the UK. The British devaluation in 1992 and the French franc remaining very high are more likely the reason to explain the mid-1990s relative levels of unemployment between our two countries.

However, it is interesting to note that President Chirac has raised the SMIC, the French minimum wage, and ordered his Prime Minister, M Juppé, to attack unemployment and social exclusion by all methods. A new right-wing adminstration defends, indeed improves, the floor level for living standards, and makes tackling unemployment its top priority. What a contrast with the Panglossian complacency exuding from our Department of Employment!

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MacSHANE MP,
House of Commons.

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
503	413	Abbey Ntl	492½	- 3	4.5	10.0
335	250	Allied Irish	332	- 7	4.6	8.8
247	198	Aus New Z	236	+ 3	5.8	7.1
3587½	2531¼	Bank America	3275	- 75		
332½	191½	Bank Scotland	329½	- 2½	3.2	12.0
717	557½	Barclays	683	- 10½	3.8	7.4
357	298	Bk of Ireland	354	- 1	4.5	
524	418	Cater Allen	525		6.8	10.8
3475	2450	Citicorp	3322½	- 50		
280	213	Close Bros	278	- 1	3.6	12.6
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbank	£149¼	- 175	3.6	...
1375	993¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1203¾	- 12½	0.5	
3212½	2850	Deutsche Bk	3193¾	- 16½	2.3	
881¼	612½	Espirito Santo	740¾	+ 3½	11.1	
1611	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1469¾	- 19¾	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	467	...	8.5	13.3
255	182	Hambros	186	+ 3	5.1	19.5
864½	589	HSBC	643	- 1	4.0	12.1
854	578	HSBC HK	834		4.0	11.9
333	228	Irish Perm	331		2.5	7.7
408	363	Joseph (L)	363		8.1	10.6
124	85	King Shaxson	122		9.2	13.1
700	529	Kleinwort Ben	688	+ 3	4.0	11.9
688	530	Lloyds	654	- 9	4.9	11.0
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	536	+ 4	6.7	8.8
575	454	Nat West	561	- 1	4.8	9.4
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	3000	+ 550	5.3	4.2
67	51	Rea Bros	51		2.5	18.7
436	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	421	- 11	4.3	10.1
1145	906¾	Schroders	1125		1.5	16.0
976¾	823½	Schroders NV	930	- 5	1.9	13.1
96	81	Singer & Fried	95	+ 1	4.6	9.8
360	246	Stand Chart	365	+ 7	2.8	10.9
268	217	TSB	257	- 8	4.4	11.0
105	70	Union	93	- 1	4.0	..
883	665	Warburg SG	753	- 7	3.7	
£116¼	9043¼	Wells Fargo	£115¼	+ 12½	2.5	
257½	211	Westpac	227	- 2½	2.4	
250	200	Wintrust	245		6.0	

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UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 259 783				
Grolund Amer	174.00	184.10	+0.80	0.20
Grolund Equity	246.80	262.60†	+0.10	3.29
Grolund Euro	218.60	231.20	-0.20	0.11
Grolund Expt Ycl	115.70	119.90	..	3.14
Grolund Gilt	76.35	78.75	-0.22	5.70
Grolund Japan	146.90	155.40	-2.20	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	578.80	607.30	+0.40	2.77
General Inc	497.80	520.40	+0.40	2.77
UK Growth Acc	386.00	410.70†	+0.80	2.86
UK Growth Inc	259.70	277.40†	+0.70	2.86
Higher Inc Acc	717.00	762.00†	+0.60	3.95
Higher Inc Inc	407.30	433.40†	+0.30	3.95
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	194.70	205.80	-1.40	5.69
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.80	97.12	-0.60	5.89
Nth America	285.80	303.60†	+1.30	..
Europe	292.40	311.10	-1.40	0.88
Brit Excell	76.80	81.71†	+0.09	2.99
Bst Frndls Acc	107.00	113.90	-0.30	4.57
Brit Frdnts Inc	76.74	81.64	-0.11	4.57
Global Opps	88.28	93.92†	-0.82	0.46
Balanced Acc	56.70	60.32	-0.19	2.90
Balanced Inc	54.88	58.44	-0.11	2.90
Japan Acc	43.05	45.76	-0.71	..
Pac Basin Acc	372.10	395.90	-2.20	0.79
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	130.40	138.40†	-0.80	7.23
High Inc Equity	167.50	179.10	-0.50	4.39
Worldwide Bond	284.70	302.80†	-1.80	4.30
Capital Growth				
American Growth	294.00	314.70	-0.20	.82
Asian Pacific	316.60	336.80	-0.10	...
Assets & Earnings	272.70	290.10†	-1.50	2.71
Cmmdty & Energy	98.94	106.50	+0.76	.13
Euro Capital Inc	141.90	151.00	-0.50	.64
(Accum Units)	152.20	162.70	-0.90	.63
General	244.20	259.80	-1.50	2.09
Japan	110.70	118.40	-1.70	..
Masterfund	143.80	153.80	-0.70	1.78
UK Growth Dist	119.40	127.70	+0.20	3.01
US Emerging Cos	135.90	145.30	+0.80	..
Income & Growth	398.40	428.80†	-1.10	2.85
Ethical	67.73	72.05†	-0.23	2.80
International	114.00	121.30	-1.00	.87
Dividend & Growth	83.95	87.89	-0.12	4.19
Global Gwth & Sec	67.95	72.51	-0.07	2.89
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	217.78	218.47	+20.00	....
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	47.85	48.49	-0.16	0.82
Cash	50.05	50.05†	+0.50	5.84
Emerging Mkts	69.37	73.41	-0.50	0.85
European	118.00	123.30	-0.90	...
Exempt	198.80	210.83	+2.40	1.75
Extra Income	47.18	50.45†	+0.14	5.97
Far East Emg Eco	119.30	126.20		0.58
Fixed Interest	22.85	23.78†	-0.04	8.09
Fund Inv Tst	168.50	177.30	+0.10	8.79
Japan	174.00	182.70	-1.60	..
Latin American	48.40	51.86	-0.80	0.94
Pacific	78.05	80.18	-1.17	0.32
Property Shares	54.41	57.81	+0.15	2.82
UK Emerging Cos	63.09	67.05	+0.25	1.85
UK Growth	45.74	48.49	+0.09	2.42
Aber World Port	74.59	75.38†	-0.08	2.18
Ethical	63.06	67.14†	-0.15	2.82
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	40.76	40.78†	-0.11	7.54
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	139.23	149.78†	-0.24	0.87
UK Inc & Growth	77.88	83.58	+0.02	3.29
Utility & Bond	55.28	56.98	+0.08	7.12
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	688.23	688.83	...	4.49
Fxd In Sec	154.74	155.36	...	8.27
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 382 5008				
UK General Tst	65.85	70.05	...	2.84
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	675.76	692.39	...	4.59
Accum	229.04	228.32	...	
Fixed Int Inc	124.95	125.23	...	8.18
Fixed Int Acc	201.55	202.06	...	
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7657				
Intl Growth	113.07	124.31†		
UK Income	108.16	117.82†	...	5.65
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Bockman Intl	85.09	89.58		2.70
Bock Bio-Tech	28.39	30.08†	+0.51	...
Accum Ethical Tst	150.04	157.55†		0.89
City Fin Accum	70.97	76.47		1.84
City Fin American	92.01	96.02		
City Fin Intl	75.50	80.07†		1.42
City Fin Japan	148.81	156.26		
Frsts Hse Cap	279.10	302.14		1.53
Frsts Hse Inc	192.93	209.75†		4.02
Buckley Wld Gth	124.29	131.75		
Falcond Cap Gth	134.94	143.67†	+1.20	...
Falconcst Intl	148.12	156.15†	+1.47	
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	58.67	59.21†	+0.52	4.23
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	56.42	59.66	-0.06	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	62.57	66.92	-0.07	...
Allas Mngd Gwth	37.15	39.73	-0.21	0.57
Dragon Growth	67.73	72.43	-0.35	0.59
Equity High Inc	95.31	98.75†	+0.22	3.91
(Accum Units)	118.08	124.24	+0.20	3.91
Extra Income Inc	26.22	27.89	+0.01	5.40
Extra Income Acc	26.53	27.93	+0.01	5.40
European Gwth	55.95	59.75	-0.32	1.28
Evergreen	27.92	29.86	+0.02	...
General Equity	87.47	92.81	+0.13	2.78
Japan Growth	46.43	49.66	-0.75	..
Portfolio Gwth	52.90	56.38	+0.11	2.72
Pad Sm Cos Inc	30.65	32.61†	-0.02	1.46
(Accum Units)	32.08	34.13	-0.02	1.46
Balanced Inc	26.51	28.20	+0.04	5.42
Special Sits	38.43	40.88	-0.08	2.12
UK & Overseas	49.42	52.57	-0.19	1.30
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 890 000				
Capital	70.59	75.10	-0.09	1.57
Income	64.78	68.15	-0.09	3.95
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	162.48	172.85	-0.15	5.06
Fixed & Convertible	39.76	42.30		7.05
Monthly Inc Plus	47.71	50.75	-0.07	8.83
Preferred Share	45.20	48.08	+0.97	7.82
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	125.12	133.11	+0.01	6.18
Managed Fund	68.96	73.26	-0.18	3.22
UK Growth Funds				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	59.57	63.70	+0.24	..
(Accum Units)	59.57	63.70	+0.24	..
Amer Smlr Cos	502.10	537.00	+1.50	...
(Accum Units)	512.80	548.40	+1.50	
Capital Tst	313.80	333.70†	-0.80	1.81
(Accum Units)	451.90	480.09†	-1.00	1.61
Conv Smlr Cos	60.73	64.83†	-0.18	0.55
(Accum Units)	64.10	68.28†	-0.20	0.55
Convertible	127.70	135.80	+0.30	5.97
(Accum Units)	257.90	274.30	+0.50	5.87
Emerging Markets	66.74	71.30	-0.50	0.22
(Accum Units)	66.80	71.28†	-0.50	0.22
European	121.70	129.00†	-0.70	0.13
(Accum Units)	127.60	135.40†	-0.80	0.13
Extra Income	348.50	369.50		3.89
(Accum Units)	520.50	553.50		3.89
Financial	128.10	136.10†	-0.80	0.30
(Accum Units)	133.90	143.10†	-0.80	0.30
Gilt Trust	64.35	68.35†	-0.60	6.84
(Accum Units)	92.52	95.19†	-0.90	6.84
Health Fund Inc	142.00	151.80†	+2.00	...
(Accum Units)	142.00	151.80†	+2.00	...
Income & Growth	195.40	207.30†	+0.20	3.32
(Accum Units)	298.70	318.80†	+0.20	3.32
Intl Growth	308.50	364.00†	-1.30	...
(Accum Units)	398.10	426.40†	-1.40	
Japan & Gen	155.90	166.50	-1.70	
(Accum Units)	157.40	168.20	-1.70	
Monthly Inc	166.30	176.00†	+0.10	3.66
Managed Port Inc	104.90	110.40†	-0.30	1.71
(Accum Units)	112.70	118.80†	-0.30	1.71
Quarterly Income	53.21	57.08†	+0.08	4.53
(Accum Units)	57.72	61.80†	+0.08	4.53
Recovery	332.10	356.10	-2.50	0.13
(Accum Units)	390.90	417.90	-3.00	0.13
UK Growth	54.70	58.41†	+0.01	2.79
(Accum Units)	57.99	61.92†	+0.01	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881350 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.68	50.72	-0.08	0.80
FP Am Smllr Cos	121.60	130.90	+1.20	0.0
FP Asian Growth	263.50	281.80†	-2.70	0.0
FP Australian	313.60	336.40	-0.20	0.0
FP Equity Dist	391.20	418.14†	-0.30	2.87
-do- Accum	837.70	891.10†	-0.70	2.87
FP Euro Gth	215.20	228.90	-0.80	0.51
(Accum Units)	233.90	248.80	-0.80	0.51
FP Intl Bond	58.75	62.13	-0.31	5.11
FP Intl Gilt Dist	38.73	38.71	-0.39	0.99
-do- Accum	98.14	104.40	-0.40	0.99
FP Pac Basin Acc	201.80	215.40	-1.30	...
FP Income	54.99	58.05†	-0.05	5.14
(Accum Units)	181.40	193.40	-0.30	5.14
FP Jap Smllr Cos	284.80	308.70	-3.90	.0
FP Monthly Dist	72.22	77.07†	-0.10	5.76
FP Stlg Deposit	100.70	100.70		6.25
FP Tokyo	81.84	87.06	-1.35	.0
FP UK Focus	36.54	38.39	-0.10	3.94
FP UK Growth	178.70	187.80	+0.20	2.82
(Accum Units)	341.10	363.80	+0.50	2.82
Stewardship Dist	343.50	365.40†	-0.20	1.87
-do- Accum	424.30	451.30†	-0.10	1.87
Stwrdsp Inc Dist	72.21	76.81†	+0.17	3.43
-do- Accum	94.78	100.80†	+0.30	3.43
N Am Stshp Dist	98.99	105.30	+0.10	0.82
-do- Accum	105.20	111.90	....	0.82
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	110.80	117.80†	+0.10	0.98
Open Cap Gth Acc	111.70	118.80†		0.22
Cap Gth Inc Inc	107.80	113.80	+0.10	2.30
Cap Gth Inc Acc	109.60	116.50	+0.10	2.30
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	109.70	118.80	+0.10	2.86
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	112.40	119.50	+0.20	2.86
NM Unit Trusts				
Intnl	32.60	34.79†	-0.22	0.93
(Accum Units)	47.27	50.44	-0.32	0.93
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	154.43	165.78†	-1.17	0.61
Eur Sp Sits	72.06	77.22	+0.04	0.70
(Accum Units)	77.19	82.72	+0.05	0.70
Japan Trust	177.77	189.52	-2.67	
Japan Special Sits	187.87	199.32	-2.82	
Pacific Smlr Cos	227.30	243.30	-0.97	
North American	244.55	259.86	-1.62	0.39
American Smaller	110.14	117.73	-0.12	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	101.70	108.40†	+0.40	2.30
Capital	177.70	189.00	-0.20	1.62
Dollar	362.00	379.60†	-0.90	...
Enterprise Gth	340.43	358.46	+2.10	1.56
European	235.80	247.00	-1.70	0.94
Far East	320.10	336.10	-3.30	0.47
Financial	855.70	886.00	-3.70	1.80
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.21	27.25	-0.08	7.25
High Yield	104.60	109.50†	-0.10	3.98
Income & Growth	146.70	153.60†		3.29
International	257.50	269.60	-2.30	0.82
Japanese General	190.50	199.50	-3.80	...
Japan Tech	74.49	78.00	-1.02	...
Nat Resources	69.84	72.92	-0.15	...
Portfolio	72.82	76.25†	-0.11	1.52
Smaller Cos	132.30	138.50		1.56
Special Sits	154.40	161.60		1.45
UK Emerging Cos	94.94	98.47	+0.04	0.89
US Smaller Cos	91.30	95.60†	+0.50	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisory: 0800 181 888 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	104.00	111.08†		5.32
Capital	604.40	647.20	+2.20	2.04
Income	582.20	621.30	-1.50	4.99
Footsie Fund	56.87	56.35†	+0.70	2.52
[illegible] Index	110.10	117.50	-0.10	2.00
UK Index	144.70	154.40	+0.80	3.87
International Funds				
American Growth	499.30	532.80	-2.50	0.31
American Index	215.20	229.10	-1.20	1.15
European Growth	115.80	123.30	-0.80	0.26
Eurotrack 100	165.30	176.50	-1.10	0.55
Global Bond	22.09	23.30	-0.04	5.82
Japan Growth	282.50	279.50	-3.10	
Japan Index	77.75	82.58	-1.60	0.16
Japan Smllr Cos	30.31	32.35	-0.30	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	80.78	84.67	-0.25	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	101.80	108.80	-0.70	1.12
Spore & Mlysn Gth	79.71	85.67†	-0.30	
Tiger Index	207.50	221.50	-4.60	1.35
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.91	33.17	-0.06	0.84
General Funds				
Managed	73.39	76.29†	-0.27	1.24
[illegible]	89.19	92.71	+0.19	2.13
UK Growth	82.04	84.49†	-0.01	2.24
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	85.54	88.92	-0.23	6.48
Gilt & Fixed Int	27.84	27.89	-0.15	7.70
UK Inc & Gwth	41.74	43.39†	+0.02	3.43
UK Income	346.10	359.80†	-0.80	4.88
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.24	52.11	-0.06	0.16
Amer Smllr Cos	117.40	122.00	+0.10	
(Accum Units)	118.70	123.40	+0.20	
Europe Gth	159.70	165.70	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	165.10	171.30	-0.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	28.51	30.68	-0.10	
French Growth	81.33	84.54	-0.78	0.45
Accum Units	87.25	90.70	-0.83	0.45
H Kong & China	78.34	81.43	-0.66	1.61
Intl Growth	58.53	60.84	-0.43	0.54
(Accum Units)	58.60	61.35	-0.43	0.54
Japan Gth	29.84	31.12†	-0.55	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	563.70	599.70	-4.50	3.82
Japan Growth	98.27	104.60	-1.20	
-do- Acc	98.81	105.00	-1.10	
Master Trust	59.57	63.38	-0.14	1.37
-do- Acc	66.50	70.75	-0.16	1.37
N American Gth	188.20	200.30	-0.70	
-do- Acc	217.30	231.30	-0.90	..
NAm Sm Co Rec	142.60	151.80	+0.60	..
-do- Acc	145.50	154.80	+0.40	
Pacific Basin	258.30	274.80	-2.20	0.69
-do- Acc	274.50	292.10	-2.10	0.69
Smll Cos Rec	315.50	335.70†	+0.30	2.09
-do- Acc	507.30	534.00	+0.40	2.09
UK Growth	88.04	93.66	-0.04	2.41
-do- Acc	107.10	114.00		2.41
Worldwide Gth	317.20	337.50	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	427.90	457.60	-2.00	
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 873				
American	69.84	73.86	-0.15	0.10
General	88.94	95.42†	-0.06	2.48
Income	66.52	71.48	+0.11	5.40
International	64.01	68.67†	-0.40	0.40
Japan	53.41	57.30	-0.76	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	68.46	73.45	-0.16	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	406.40	431.90	-0.90	0.51
(Accum Units)	508.00	539.20	-1.20	0.51
Amer Recovery	483.20	511.00†	-0.10	0.39
(Accum Units)	555.20	587.20†	-0.20	0.39
Amer Smllr Cos	133.50	141.20	+0.70	...
(Accum Units)	136.40	144.20	+0.60	
Australasian	145.20	153.50	-1.00	2.11
(Accum Units)	177.60	187.80	-1.20	2.11
Capital	856.50	905.80	+1.30	2.62
(Accum Units)	982.00	£10.39	+1.50	2.62
Charifund	713.80	721.00	-1.10	5.58
(Accum Units)	£33.91	£34.25	-5.30	5.56
Commodity	378.40	400.20		0.51
(Accum Units)	555.50	587.50	-0.18	0.51
Compound Gth	975.00	£10.31†	-1.70	3.04
(Accum Units)	£10.35	£10.95†	-1.70	3.04
Dividend	41.90	44.30†		4.29
(Accum Units)	178.60	189.00†		4.29
Equity Income	352.40	372.70	+0.10	4.79
(Accum Units)	457.60	484.10	+0.10	4.79
Euro & General	524.40	554.60	-1.40	1.16
(Accum Units)	663.20	701.50	-1.70	1.16
Euro Dividend	74.50	78.80	-0.40	3.68
(Accum Units)	89.70	94.80	-0.50	3.68
Extra Yield	429.80	454.50	-0.30	4.77
(Accum Units)	£13.50	£14.36	-1.10	4.77
Far Eastern	350.20	370.30	-2.00	0.77
(Accum Units)	464.90	491.60	-2.60	0.77
Fund of Inv Tsts	622.50	658.30†	-0.40	2.61
(Accum Units)	£11.74	£12.42†	-0.70	2.01
General	63.70	67.40		3.72
(Accum Units)	179.10	189.60		3.72
Gilt Income	61.52	61.53†	-0.35	7.53
(Accum Units)	173.70	174.00†	-0.58	7.53
Gold	61.60	65.10	+0.30	0.90
(Accum Units)	72.70	76.90	+0.40	0.90
High Income	29.90	31.60		4.67
(Accum Units)	119.90	127.00	+0.20	4.67
Intl Growth	76.00	80.40	-0.20	0.92
(Accum Units)	132.60	140.30	-0.40	0.92
International Inc	100.10	105.90	-0.40	4.59
(Accum Units)	150.70	159.50	-0.50	4.59
Japan & Gen	39.90	42.20†	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	42.80	45.30†	-0.60	..
Japan Smllr Cos	134.50	142.20†	-1.10	
(Accum Units)	135.50	143.20†	-1.10	
Managed Income	28.30	29.70†		4.17
Midland	64.10	67.80	+0.20	3.16
(Accum Units)	216.60	229.40	+0.80	3.16
Pension Ex	972.40	995.80	-1.90	4.19
Recovery	43.80	46.30		2.43
(Accum Units)	72.00	76.10		2.43
Second General	72.50	76.70	+0.10	3.46
(Accum Units)	188.30	199.30	+0.10	3.46
Smaller Cos	70.00	74.00	+0.10	3.16
(Accum Units)	139.50	147.60	+0.30	3.16

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	49.54	52.51	-0.38	
Managed	71.43	75.99	-2.02	2.31
Money Market	88.09	95.27	+0.01	4.30
North American	91.99	97.50	-0.07	0.48
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	97.39	103.60	+0.60	1.71
European Growth	99.82	105.90	+0.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.82	90.02	-0.54	5.84
Income	86.63	92.76	+0.06	2.79
Japan Growth	49.45	52.61	-0.36	
Managed	68.29	72.65	-0.02	2.29
Money Market	81.44	86.33	-0.02	4.26
North American	83.56	88.58	-0.05	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.29	103.50	+0.60	1.70
European Growth	97.57	103.40	+0.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	77.42	82.11	-0.51	6.31
Income	85.40	90.85	-0.06	2.81
Japan Growth	50.53	53.56	-0.37	
Managed	71.14	75.68	-0.02	2.29
Money Market	75.63	80.17	-0.01	4.34
North American	93.63	99.66	-0.07	0.42
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.07	13.85	..	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	362.80	384.90†	+1.10	..
European Gth Inc	475.53	508.50	-0.60	0.29
(Accum Units)	480.58	514.08	-0.70	0.29
Intl Gwth	194.20	206.70	-1.40	
UK Equity Inc	190.30	202.60	-0.10	2.96
UK Inc Tcstr Inc	165.30	177.70	+0.10	2.82
(Accum Units)	197.90	210.90	+0.20	2.82
US Eq Inc Tr Inc	214.43	227.30	-0.60	1.19
Japan Trader	73.71	77.94	-1.35	
Asian Trader	215.50	232.90	-0.80	0.79
Managed Inc	157.40	167.70†	-0.30	1.36
Deposit Inc	99.74	99.74†	-0.22	6.31
Europa	185.30	199.50	-0.70	
Genesis	159.30	172.60	-0.30	2.11
High Income	21.74	23.07	-0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	97.89	105.00	-0.10	2.51
Acumen Inc	91.64	93.61	-0.11	2.51
Acumen Reserve	87.45	88.33	-0.32	7.84
-do- Inc	73.92	74.56	-0.28	7.84
American Growth	103.40	164.90	-0.20	
Cash Income	49.71	49.71†	+0.01	5.58
Equity Income	97.27	99.87†	-0.01	4.73
European	73.06	74.95	-0.25	0.38
Smaller Cos	81.36	85.25†	-0.17	1.21
W'wide Eqty	66.05	67.60	-0.35	0.57
Global Bond	44.71	45.21†	-0.11	6.94
UK Growth	97.40	99.86	+0.02	2.11
Pacific Growth	111.43	115.00	-0.40	0.06
Japan Growth	96.77	88.39	-1.60	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	126.98	135.09	+0.18	2.66
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	74.72	79.55	+0.09	2.22
UK Income	111.31	118.10†	-1.23	3.76
Higher Income	217.37	231.67	-0.17	4.40
Smaller Cos	82.76	88.04	-0.18	2.00
International	96.77	102.95†	-0.31	1.89
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	106.70	113.50†	-0.30	0.70
European Dist	119.50	126.10†	-1.00	
Far East Dist	182.50	194.10	-1.10	
Global Care Dist	71.80	76.17†	-0.25	1.07
Overs Dist	£10.24	£10.89	-10.10	0.15
(Accum Units)	£15.29	£14.14	-13.20	0.15
UK Dist	358.20	381.10†	+0.90	2.64
(Accum Units)	710.60	756.00	+1.80	2.64
UK Extra Inc Dist	80.49	85.63	-0.01	4.16

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	113.70	120.90†	+0.40	1.06
(Accum Units)	123.80	131.70	+0.40	1.06
Technology	452.90	481.20†	-6.80	
UK Blue Chip	72.87	77.52	-0.12	2.37
(Accum Units)	81.49	86.69	-0.14	2.37
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	185.10	196.90	-0.20	1.74
European Gth	103.50	109.50		1.07
Income Gth	139.80	148.70	-0.20	3.86
Japan Gth	103.00	109.60	-1.70	
Nth Amer Gth	141.10	150.10	+1.80	0.17
Overseas Gth	95.30	101.40	+0.10	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	38.33	39.72	-0.12	1.83
Cash Haven Inc	101.14	101.63†	+0.01	5.32
Cash Haven Acc	112.73	113.26†	+0.01	5.32
Dist Tust Inc	98.64	103.25	-0.18	6.48
Dist Tust Acc	104.45	108.23	-0.19	6.48
Global Growth	92.50	98.40	+0.33	0.60
Equity Inc	84.44	89.89†	+0.02	3.42
Equity	755.50	803.80	-6.31	2.25
European	227.16	235.39†	-1.61	0.90
High Income	89.65	95.57†	-1.41	5.09
Intl Gth	191.15	203.35	-1.22	0.87
Intl Sm Co	79.76	84.85	-0.35	0.37
Japanese	201.34	208.64	-1.24	
Nth Amer	179.78	185.30†	-0.86	1.42
Pacific Mkts	108.84	112.78	-0.87	0.56
Premier Inc	48.65	50.64	-0.28	6.62
Sm Cos	91.37	97.20†	+0.16	1.55
Spec Sits	113.48	120.72	-0.13	2.35
UK Growth	128.04	136.21	+0.20	2.22
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	309.50	329.30	-0.30	3.09
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	539.64	573.85	-0.02	0.62
FA America (Acc)	630.69	670.66	+0.09	0.62
FA UK Equity Inc	163.77	174.49†	-0.48	3.28
FA Japan	242.86	258.12	-3.86	
FA Major Uk Cos	99.41	106.00†	+0.10	2.25
FA Smllr UK Cos	297.32	323.77	-0.27	1.26
FA European	337.58	358.79	-1.42	0.48
FA Amer Smllr Cos	47.65	51.04	+0.17	
FA Asia	51.82	55.71	-0.44	
FA Jap Smllr Cos	39.02	41.74	-0.65	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	102.70	108.10	+0.11	
UK Smllr Cos	86.12	90.64	-0.07	
Uk Income	101.39	105.72	-0.39	
America	108.44	114.14	+0.01	
Japanese	53.45	56.26	-0.84	
European	108.59	114.30	-0.45	
Gilt	92.05	96.88	-0.60	
Deposit	84.87	89.33	+0.01	
Managed	103.05	108.50	-0.19	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	99.95	105.20	+0.10	
UK Smaller Cos	84.06	88.48	-0.08	
UK Income	98.87	104.07	-0.28	
America	105.46	111.02		
Japanese	52.00	54.73	-0.81	
European	105.74	111.30	-0.43	
Gilt	90.74	95.51	-0.57	
Deposit	80.91	85.17	+0.01	
Managed	95.85	100.89	-0.11	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	85.40	91.12	+0.24	0.20
Pacific Basin	74.21	79.83	-0.63	
High Inc Dist	140.50	150.30	-1.10	4.34
Ryl Life Intl Crry	59.69	69.46	-0.23	3.80
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	68.07	72.60	-0.23	0.02

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	201.30	214.20†	-1.70	0.54
Wrlde Venture Inc	82.60	87.58	-0.80	0.68
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 666 3724				
Equity Inc	379.60	404.80	-0.50	2.78
(Accum Units)	563.30	600.80	-0.80	2.78
UK High Inc	188.90	201.40	-0.50	3.67
(Accum Units)	277.10	295.60	-0.60	3.67
Europe Inc	395.80	422.20	-0.90	0.30
Nth Amer Inc	226.00	241.10	+0.20	
Global Inc	208.80	222.60	-0.90	0.28
Global Acc	224.10	239.00	-0.90	0.28
UK Spec Sits Inc	104.60	111.50		3.17
South East Asia	226.50	241.50	-0.80	0.46
Cash Trust Inc	100.00	100.00		5.64
UK Smllr Cos Inc	107.20	114.40		2.06
(Accum Units)	109.70	117.00		2.06
Intl Bond Inc	97.02	103.00	-0.50	5.82
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	146.30	153.70	-0.30	4.34
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	133.70	140.70	-0.60	1.01
Nth American	111.60	117.50	-0.20	0.59
Intl Bond & Conv	124.50	131.00	-0.20	5.95
Pooled Personal (S)	191.00	205.40		2.19
Smaller Cos	78.47	82.60	-0.07	1.43
UK General	132.70	139.70	-2.50	1.58
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	107.50		-0.40	
Asset	69.73		-1.69	..
[illegible]	128.00		-1.30	
European‡	98.60	...	-0.35	7.75
Global Bond‡	102.50		-0.10	1.95
Investment Trust‡	100.82		-0.10	5.96
Preferred Income‡	46.26		-0.65	
Samurai‡	100.00			6.10
Sterling Reserve‡	100.10		-0.60	2.73
UK Growth‡	102.30		-1.10	
Tal Pact	102.40		-0.30	1.35
UK Emerg Leaders‡	101.10		-0.20	4.96
UK Equity Inc‡				
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	320.00	338.50	-0.10	
Canadian	67.70	70.95	-0.16	0.87
Capital	126.30	135.30	-0.60	1.60
Cash	100.96	100.96	+0.01	5.56
European	140.60	148.70†	-0.30	1.02
Far Eastern	150.30	159.00	-0.50	
Growth	139.20	147.30	-0.50	1.06
Income	129.40	136.80	-0.40	5.39
Magnum	137.40	145.10	-0.00	1.58
Smllr Secs	384.40	406.70	-0.80	0.92
Thoroughbred	156.50	167.80	-0.70	1.42
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.78	50.27†	-0.01	5.20
[illegible]	55.68	58.87	-0.06	7.90
Ethical	57.68	62.02		2.60
European Growth	78.12	83.78†	-0.56	2.90
Income	55.40	59.56†	-0.22	5.90
Intl Growth	101.30	108.60†	-0.70	2.90
Managed	85.91	92.27	-0.23	3.70
UK Growth	64.22	69.05	+0.36	3.30
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngd Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.97	41.18		1.79
Global Advtg Acc	43.52	44.14		1.79
Income Advtg Inc	32.23	32.40†		4.00
Income Advtg Acc	35.03	35.22		4.00
UK Equity Gth Acc	69.09	73.24		1.26
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	53.41	56.75		1.68
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.24	40.63		3.50
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	47.88	50.89		3.50
UK Equity Gth Acc	65.19	69.27		2.11

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	50.22	53.43†	..	7.86
Gilt Yield	118.30	122.88†	..	6.34
Global Income	212.30	225.70†	...	4.35
High Yield	149.90	149.90	...	5.91
(Accum Units)	431.10	458.60	...	5.91
Smllr Cos Div	51.95	55.27†	...	3.93
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.27	£13.54†		
Income	£10.00	£10.15		
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	137.70	141.80		
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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.91	102.00		
North American	81.13	86.31		0.14
European Special	117.40	124.90		0.12
European	158.50	168.60†		0.46
(Accum Units)	208.80	222.20†		0.46
Global Eqty Inc	105.60	112.30		1.07
Japan	376.60	400.60†		
Japanese Special	197.70	210.30		0.54
Master Accum	238.60	253.80		
Pacific	324.90	345.60		
(Accum Units)	381.10	405.40		1.27
Smaller Cos	110.10	117.10†		1.57
UK Equity Growth	38.90	41.38		3.97
UK Index Inc	285.50	269.30		
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	628.90	633.60		5.55
Intl & General	417.00	425.50		0.93
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 086				
M & S Inv Pfolio	157.30	165.50	-0.24	2.19
-do- Accum	181.00	190.50	-0.24	2.19
UK Sel Pfolio	134.80	142.00	+0.14	2.42
-do- Accum	158.70	167.18	+0.14	2.42
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
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Global Bond (US$)	0.91	0.958		
Penny Share	39.13	41.18		
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Challenge	99.14	101.40		
Short Dtd Gilt	116.00	117.50		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.75	0.78		
Gilt Income	51.74	53.31		
Gilt Growth	74.19	77.15		
City Reserve	52.67	52.67		
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	51.42	54.51		
UK Sectorial	83.25	88.51		

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. ⊕ Exit Charge.

Growth in advertising revenue lifts GWR

By Philip Pangalos

STRONG growth in local and national advertising revenue helped GWR Group, the Bristol commercial radio stations operator currently bidding for Chiltern Radio, to tune into more than doubled first-half profits.

The company, which also has a 17 per cent stake in Classic FM, saw pre-tax profits surge by 121 per cent to £2.06 million in the six months to March 31, on turnover ahead 90 per cent to £14.8 *million*.

Ralph Bernard, chief executive, *said*: "The growth has been fuelled by very strong growth in local advertising revenues and very considerable activity nationally."

On GWR's £19.3 million all-paper offer for Chiltern, for which Chiltern insists on a cash alternative before it even considers GWR's offer, Mr Bernard said: "We've *made a very fair offer for* Chiltern shareholders at an extremely *attractive* price." GWR has 20 per cent irrevocable acceptances and claims to have "strong indications" of support for a total of 52.25 per cent of Chiltern's share capital. The offer document is likely within two weeks.

The interim dividend, payable on September 29, rises 37 per cent to 0.94p *(0.69p). from earnings* ahead 48 per cent to 2.6p (1.76p) a share.

Contact lens write-off leaves Pilkington with £248m loss

By Neil Bennett

TONY WHITE

Sir Antony Pilkington, left, chairman, and Andrew Robb see profitable future in the glassmaker's core activities

PILKINGTON, the glass group, has drawn the line under its disastrous diversifi*cation into contact lenses* during the 1980s by taking a £375 million write-off as a prelude to selling the business.

The massive provision against the group's Visioncare businesses dragged the group to a *£248 million loss* for the year to March 31. Pilkington was also hit by a £31 million settlement of a long-running legal battle in the US with PPG Industries.

The provisions masked a *sharp upturn in trading* at Pilkington's main glass businesses. Operating profits soared 87 per cent to £170 million thanks to a 6 per cent rise in turnover to £2.6 billion and a recovery in prices in both Europe and America. As a result the group is paying a final dividend of 2.7p a share on August 18, making 4.2p for the year, a 5 per cent increase.

Pilkington has put up for sale its hard lens and cleaning solutions businesses, which *both broke even during the* year, and hopes to complete *the sales by the end of the year*. The group intends to retain its soft lens operations for a time to try to bring them into profit.

Andrew Robb, the finance director, said that Pilkington invested around $500 million in contact lenses during the 1980s in an effort to reduce the volatility of its earnings. But the recession and the introduction of disposable contact lenses put pressure on prices *and led to heavy competition*.

The group said it expected that another 1,000 jobs would be lost in its glass operations this year. Last year, it spent £20 million on redundancy payments and expects to spend a similar sum this time.

Pilkington said that sales of its building glass grew in most parts of Europe and the US as well as *in South America and* the Asia Pacific region. In Britain *sales* rose *10* per cent and demand for the group's high performance K glass improved sharply. At Flachglas in Germany, Pilkington's largest subsidiary, profits improved through cost savings despite a continuing weakness in prices. Roger Leverton, the *group's chief executive, said* that the company had in*creased prices by 3* per cent in the last quarter of the year. Overall, profits in Europe rose 109 per cent to £69 million, with strong performances in Britain and Scandinavia.

In the US, Libbey-Owens-Ford doubled profits to £54 million, even though one of the *group's float tanks was out of* operation for a time, but the most profitable division remains the rest of the world, which lifted its contribution 44 per cent to £72 million.

Pilkington cut its borrowings by £142 million to £602 million in the year. Mr Leverton pledged to reduce it further, and cut gearing from *53 per cent to 40 per cent*.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Greenalls sells five hotels for £9.3m

GREENALLS, the pub and hotel operator, has sold five three-star hotels for £9.3 million in an effort to concentrate on its *luxury hotels, such as* The Grand in Brighton. The hotels have been earmarked for disposal for more than a year. Four are being sold to *Macdonald Hotels* and the deal will be completed at the end of the month. The fifth was sold last month to Britannia Country House Hotel.

The hotels in *Manchester*, Cheshire and Warwickshire have a total of 349 bedrooms, and are being sold at an average of £26,600 per room. *Last year they made profits of* £1.2 million. The five are being sold for their book value. De Vere Hotels, Greenalls' hotel subsidiary, will concentrate on the 20 four and five-star hotels it owns and develop their conference and leisure facilities. As well as The Grand, the group owns *The Belfry in* Warwickshire.

Limit's return to fall

JONATHAN AGNEW, chairman at Limit, the largest Lloyd's corporate capital company, said the insurance market's *proposed restructuring* would reduce the company's expected return for 1994. Mr Agnew said Limit had expected previously to make a return of *at least 7 per cent on the* £502.5 million invested in the market. Mr Agnew said Limit had made a pre-tax profit of £10.78 million in *its first full financial* year. A final dividend of 1.75p is due to be paid on August 25.

Blick moves ahead

BLICK, the car parking systems and communications group, has almost eradicated the heavy borrowings it took on when it bought the Time and Security business from Mercury Com*munications* for £55.8 million at the end of 1993. Group borrowings fell from £19 million to £4 million between September *last year and March 31*. Pre-tax *profits rose* by 22 per cent for the half year to March 31 to £6.1 million. The half-year dividend rises by 14 per cent to 4p, *payable on September 6*.

Porter returns to black

PORTER CHADBURN, the printing and packaging group, has staged a return to profits of £3 million in the year to March 31, compared with a loss of £17.2 million, thanks partly to new laws in the US which forced its customers to redesign their labels. The company cut its borrowings from £14.3 million to £3.7 million during the year after selling its *consumer leisure businesses. Despite the improvement*, the group is not resuming dividend payments.

Telekom forecasts trebled profits

By Colin Narbrough, world trade correspondent

RON SOMMER, recently appointed chief executive of Deutsche Telekom, the German state telecommunications group set to become Europe's biggest privatisation, yesterday forecast more than trebled profits this year after announcing 10,000 job cuts and lower call charges.

Telekom, *which plans to* float the first tranche of the company early next year to raise about DM15 billion, will be listed in Frankfurt initially. But it will also seek quotations on the London, Paris and Tokyo stock markets, Joachim Kröske, the finance director, said.

Herr Kröske said that net *profits were on course to* exceed DM4 billion, compared with a profit of *DM1.3* billion last year and a loss of *DM2.9 billion in* 1993.

The company plans to cut its workforce by 10,000 this year to 220,000, with a view to reducing it to 170,000 by the end of the century.

Herr Sommer, who is keen *to present* Telekom as a competitive international player in *the world market, said that* long-distance call rates to North America were being cut by almost 30 per cent.

Call rates to Scandinavia are also being reduced by about 30 per cent.

Telekom's expects group sales to rise by 7.5 per cent to DM69 billion this year, with investment rising slightly to *DM23.5 billion. Its profit be*fore taxes and state levies last year was DM7.1 billion.

Chrysalis Group issues warning

By Martin Waller

CHRYSALIS GROUP, the media and music group, has notched up another loss for shareholders at the halfway stage after heavy costs of building the business — and gave warning of significantly higher operating losses for the full year.

The announcement of a *pre-tax loss of £2.5 million* for the six months to February 28, an increase from a loss of £32,000 last time, drove down the shares 13p to 248p, although they have been strong performers on the stock market over the past year.

There is again no dividend. Operating losses deepened from £1.40 million to £1.36 *million*.

Chris Wright, chairman and owner of 50 per cent of the equity, said: "I am fully aware that people are saying, 'when are we going to see a profit'. I would like to see a profit too, and I would like to see dividends. But I do think shareholders understand and they are sympathetic to the problems."

Chrysalis has ended its buy*ing spree, which has built up* its television production business, while the recently-announced intended sale of its 19.5 per cent holding in Metro Radio should bring in a significant windfall.

Analysts in the Square Mile expect a £10 million profit from the sale, *but this will* offset forecast losses of per*haps £6 million* from *the rest* of the group.

Etam and Austin Reed suffer

By Sarah Bagnall

Reed: profit worry

FURTHER bad news emerged from the high street yesterday as Etam and Austin Reed both issued profits warnings, triggering fears that trading conditions overall are deteriorating.

Shares in Etam, the wom*en's fashion retailer, fell 30p* to reach an all-time low of *176p yesterday as the group* said it would make a first half trading loss if sales remained depressed.

Stanley Lewis, chairman, told shareholders at the company's annual meeting that "although there was an encouraging trend during April, it was not maintained, and if sales continue at current levels, results for the first half-year to mid-August will show a trading loss."

Mr Lewis said there was "no quick solution" to Etam's problems but that steps were *being taken to rectify the* situation. This is the third profits warning from the 224-strong chain since February. In April, Etam reported a fall in profits from £14 million to £10.7 million in the year to January 28. Sales were £218.5 million, down from £220.3 million.

He added: "The unsatisfactory turnover trend of last year's second half has continued into the current financial year."

At a separate annual meeting, Barry Reed, chairman at Austin Reed, the upmarket clothing retailer, gave warn*ing that the group's interim* profits are likely to fall short of last year's. The news sent the shares down 14p to 198p. Mr Reed said: "Retail trading this spring has proved extremely tough, partly in comparison with the large increase in sales a year ago and partly because of the general consumer malaise."

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In The Matter of
HIGH POINT MARKETING LIMITED
In Liquidation

I, J.J.Gleave, of Arthur Andersen, Bank House, 9 Charlotte Street, Manchester M1 4EU, give notice in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that I was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 26th May 1995 by the Creditors.

J.J.Gleave
Liquidator.

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In The Matter of
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and
In the Matter of The Insolvency Act 1986

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J.J. Gleave, Liquidator.
Dated: 7th June 1995.

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INFOTECH

The feel-glove factor

Huxley's dream of virtual touch is becoming a reality, says **Max Glaskin**

"Going to the Feelies this evening, Henry?" enquired the Assistant Predestinator. "I hear the new one at the Alhambra is first-rate. There's a love scene on a bearskin rug. They say it's marvellous. Every hair of the bear reproduced."

That quote comes from *Brave New World*, written by Aldous Huxley in 1932, and is an example of how virtual touch has long been a dream of the entertainment industry. Now the technology to create realistic tactile sensations is starting to be developed.

It is relatively easy to fool our ears and eyes with a few megabytes of broadcast data, but not our fingers. Virtual hearing has been around since recorded sound began, though nobody calls it such because radio, hi-fi and telephony were invented before cyber-jargon.

More recently, virtual worlds have come into view because of the miniaturisation of vision systems and the exponential increase in the power of data processors.

Virtual touch is the next step towards complete sensory immersion in unreality. It can be created only if the nerve endings in the fingers are triggered. As yet, the most practical way of doing this is mechanically.

Ron Renzi, the leader of a research team at the Sandia National Laboratory, a government research centre in New Mexico, is working on what he calls the Feelie Cyberglove. His product, which can generate the sensations of different textures, is likely to first be used in training soldiers how to dismantle weapons.

"If we're working in a virtual environment, we have to make it as lifelike as possible," Mr Renzi says. "We saw a real need for adding the sensation of touch to applications where, when you go in to grasp an object, you see your hand touching it in a virtual environment, but you can't feel it." Users will be able to feel their way around the virtual space in much the way a mime artist might appear to feel the walls of an invisible box.

The glove creates the sense of different textures, edges, or a rolling motion with rod-shaped plungers, shaped like thick pencil leads, which vibrate in patterns against the fingertips. Each plunger is made of an electro-magnet inside a steel sleeve, resting on a rare-earth magnet inside the glove.

Opposing forces between the magnets push the plunger up when the electro-magnet is turned on. When the electro-magnet is off, the attraction between the steel sleeve and the rare-earth magnet provides an automatic recoil.

"It's simple and cheap," Mr Renzi says. His team can already simulate the feeling of stucco, stone and wood by combining tactile sensations with computer images of three blocks.

The team used an existing product called Cyberglove that contains a magnetic tracker to show computer images of a user's hand moving in virtual reality, and strain gauges to indicate where each finger is.

Other technologies which have been explored included an existing air bladder device that applies pressure to an entire finger. But the team concluded that it was too crude for their needs. Before settling on magnets, the team also considered liquids that harden into gels under an electric current. They discarded the notion when they learnt that the gels emit gases in the process. Piezo-electric crystals also appeared unlikely candidates, since they require hundreds of volts to move.

Besides the tactile glove's potential use for training, Mr Renzi forecasts applications ranging from a virtual reality "data suit" to computerised braille translation of texts on CD-Rom. The team is now looking at making the glove fingertips more flexible, with more vibrating points — the prototype has two rows of three plungers per fingertip.

Mr Renzi can imagine virtual reality entertainment systems that will include the sense of touch, or a time when surgeons may use a virtual-reality glove to perform surgery via satellite from thousands of miles away with the help of a robotic hand.

A more elaborate rival to the Feelie Cyberglove is a tactile stimulator with 400 independently controlled probes that will be completed at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory at Laurel, Maryland, this summer.

It will allow simulation of most forms of tactile experience and be used for scientific research into tactile sense and new ways of producing tactual experience. It can even be used to generate textures that are never experienced in nature.

Meanwhile, a handful of surgeons around the world are testing out a £13,000 "virtual scalpel" designed by a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This will give them a realistic impression of cutting through flesh.

In the interest of ecology perhaps every home will soon be able to have its own virtual bearskin rug — shot with a computer-generated rifle and skinned with a non-existent scalpel.

Feeling his way into the future: Ron Renzi, of the Sandia National Laboratory, with a Feelie Cyberglove

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Super-computers will be linked to solve some of science's greatest problems, says **Chris Partridge**

Creating the biggest brain in the world

The most powerful computers in the world are starting to be harnessed together by fibre-optic information raceways to look at problems such as understanding disease, predicting climate change and understanding how galaxies are formed.

Five super-computers in America are already beginning to work together over very high speed links, and eventually it will be possible to link computers around the world in clusters.

The network will also allow scientists to perform computerised experiments together, although they may be thousands of miles apart. The laboratory of the future is likely to consist of the world's top brains in each area sitting at terminals linked to computers and to each other.

At the moment the American network links super-computers from San Diego, in California, to Cornell University, in New York State. It is capable of carrying data, speech, pictures and video clips at a speed of 155 megabytes per second, more than 10,000 times faster than the latest personal computer modems. Speeds are intended to rise rapidly to greater than 600 mbps by next year.

The $50 million (£31 million) network is funded by the US National Science Foundation but has been built and operated by the communications company MCI, in which BT has a 20 per cent stake.

Researchers in San Diego and Pittsburgh have used the network to link together their Cray super-computers to model global weather patterns. One calculated speeds and temperatures of ocean currents, while the other looked at conditions in the atmosphere. Swapping data every ten seconds, each computer could adjust its model to take into account what was happening in the other.

Climatic problems for aircraft will be investigated

Eventually, such collaboration could allow researchers to send out sections of a model to a computer best suited to that type of calculation, so that vector super-computers could collaborate with massively parallel machines to get the best out of each.

Ed Barker, a consultant at Digital Equipment's super-computer division, predicts that the system will soon go worldwide. Others are not so sure. Irving Wladawski-Berger, who heads IBM's super-computer operation, believes that the economics could be wrong.

"It won't happen because if individual sites are busy they won't have the time or inclination for non-essential work," he says. "And if the problem is important enough, then funding will be found for a special installation."

The National Science Foundation is to authorise use of the American network for applications such as modelling how and where icing occurs on aircraft and how to avoid altitudes most likely to create such problems.

In Europe, a similar network, also operating at 155 megabytes, is gradually taking shape. Brian Davies, director of computing at the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory, Oxford, which has a Cray super-computer, believes that one of the main advantages of global clusters will be that researchers will be able to call on as much computer power as they want, almost instantly.

"The object is to create a meta-computer, where a scientist will be able to sit at a workstation on the network and, almost by putting his foot down on the pedal, bring in as much super-computer power as he needs," he says.

But the high cost of telecommunications in Europe's regulated atmosphere is holding progress back, he says.

"One of the problems in Europe is the cost of high capacity lines — it costs ten to 25 times as much to rent a 34-megabyte line to Paris as it does to Edinburgh, although it is the same distance," Dr Davies says. "In America costs are much lower."

Teach your PC speed reading

Geof Wheelwright reports on the rise of the personal scanner

Personal scanners have been a long time coming. But the many new products now being marketed could mean that thousands of users will have a tiny single-sheet scanner beside their PC and their printer.

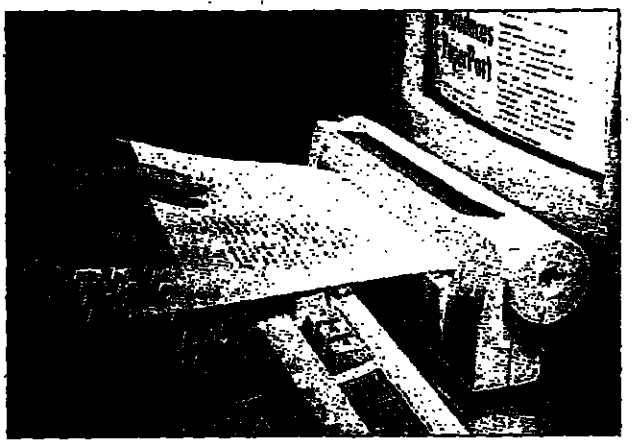
Large manufacturers such as Epson and Fujitsu now have scanners costing less than $1,000 (£635) in America which allow users to "photocopy" images and text from paper to a computer screen.

These systems typically feed the paper into the scanner sheet by sheet — rather than requiring you to place it on a glass surface, as is traditionally the case with more expensive "flatbed" scanners.

Many PC users are considering using scanners as a solution to the urgent problem of how best to manage paper-based records. The possibilities include digital imaging, optical character recognition (OCR) and document management.

Digital imaging involves the use of computer technology to take electronic "photographs" of all your paper documents and store them as digital images on a computer's hard disk for later retrieval to your screen.

OCR, on the other hand, allows your computer to "read" the information in the documents and turn it into a word-processed file for editing, while document management technologies tie the original image and the OCR file together so that the documents can be retrieved and managed more effectively.



In action: a personal scanner linked to a PC

A factor driving the development of personal scanners is the increasing use of personal computers to send and receive fax messages. Using standard personal computer fax modems, it is now easy to send information directly from your computer screen to someone else's fax machine or computer — and to receive messages to your computer.

The difficulty, however, has been in getting paper documents into the computer for faxing. In order to use a fax modem to fax a legal document with signatures on it, for example, you would generally have to use a scanner to put the document into the computer first — and then use the fax modem to send the scanned images as a fax.

The fax software market leader Delrina recently announced a version of its Winfax software with a Fujitsu personal page scanner included with the product.

According to the American research company BIS Strategic Decisions, the personal scanner is now cheap enough — and offers high enough quality — to become popular.

The scanner to get the most attention at the recent Comdex show in Atlanta came from a small American start-up company called Visioneer, which cannily arranged for its $399 (£250) Paperport 2.0 system to be installed in the press room. Hundreds of journalists put a fleet of the machines through their paces during one hectic week.

One big difference between Paperport and existing scanning products it that it provides direct links to more than 50 desktop applications, such as OCR, fax and document management.

ONLINE

New agreement for databases

MINISTERS of the European Union have agreed on legislation to offer copyright protection to databases.

Under a compromise which paved the way for agreement, database owners will not be obliged to grant licences to third parties to use their information, but the EU's rules on fair competition will be used to guard against the formation of monopolies.

"There was a legal vacuum here in the whole Community," said France's European Affairs Minister, Michel Barnier.

Game on

A NUMBER of entrepreneurs are hoping to bring the thrill of casino gambling to the Internet — an idea that may be illegal in some countries, but which is difficult to prevent across international borders.

Millions of people could boot up, log on and gamble from their homes, says Warren Eugene, an entrepreneur from Toronto who plans to open one casino.

Mr Eugene has already erected some of his Caribbean Casino on the Internet. He claims he will eventually set up his computers in the Antilles offering everything from blackjack to roulette.

It's a steal

ALMOST three quarters of people using computers at home for so-called Soho (small office or home office) applications supplement their software by illegally copying applications from their workplace or a friend.

The allegation is made by the Federation Against Software Theft, which says that a survey it conducted showed that only 26 per cent of Soho users always legally purchased extra software. It says that such home-user theft poses an increasing threat to the survival of Britain's young start-up software companies.

Could be you

ANOTHER program promising to cut the odds in playing the National Lottery has been announced. Lottery Cracker, which costs £25 from CCC Software, based in Stockport, Cheshire, includes information on the numbers that have come up most and those that have come up the least.

Perhaps the most useful part is that it also contains an agreement to be signed by members of a syndicate to prevent any disputes over winnings.

Cashing in

A SERIES of one-day seminars is being held by London-based Maxis Online to explain how companies with Apple Macintosh computers might be able to exploit the Internet commercially. At the first seminar, which will cost £30 and takes place next Tuesday, Maxis promises to explain how much it will cost and how to start.

Investigating

THE European Commission says it has started an investigation into two satellite mobile phone consortia, one called Globalstar, the other Iridium.

The EC says that the consortia — set up to offer satellite personal communications services — needed to be assessed under European Union competition rules. The EU's competition watchdog is already vetting a rival consortium called Inmarsat-P which unlike the other two was formally submitted to it for clearance.

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The great gamble to be a high-flyer

Jane Barber on the fast pace of change in technology and the difficulties of keeping up to date

As the pace of change in technology increases, it is a wonder anyone can keep up. Updated releases of software packages are hitting the market every six to 12 months, while new operating systems and chips are on the way. Even the language in which applications are written is changing with the gradual adoption of object-orientated technology.

The programmers, application developers and systems designers who are leading the transition from old technology to new are faced with the constant dilemma of how to keep their skills up to date. The market is glutted with training courses, but for the independent contractor or ambitious employee investing at his or her own expense they can be costly.

Those willing to take the plunge need to combine a touch of clairvoyance with business knowledge to try to predict the technology wave of the future. But these "job surfers" who risk their own time and money to acquire the skills that might be needed next year can earn up to £80,000 a year if they get it right.

Terry Hall, a consultant at Nationwide Technology, a PC and network recruitment agency, says that there are only a handful of people able to predict what the next big thing in the market will be and train up in those skills.

Currently, the top posts in the industry are those calling for skills in the German accountancy system SAP, which can pay between £70,000 and £90,000 per year for a permanent post, while SAP contractors can earn up to £2,000 a week.

Mr Hall sees technology changing in a six to 12-month cycle, so that those wanting to catch the wave to top salaries will have to predict which packages and systems will be favoured by businesses in spring 1996.

One of the best-paying areas used to be with the installation, configuration, set-up and design of Lotus Notes software. "Now that most businesses have gone through that process, the earning potential is mostly gone in the market," says Mr Hall who predicts that becoming qualified in Microsoft's operating system, Windows 95, could be the next goldmine.

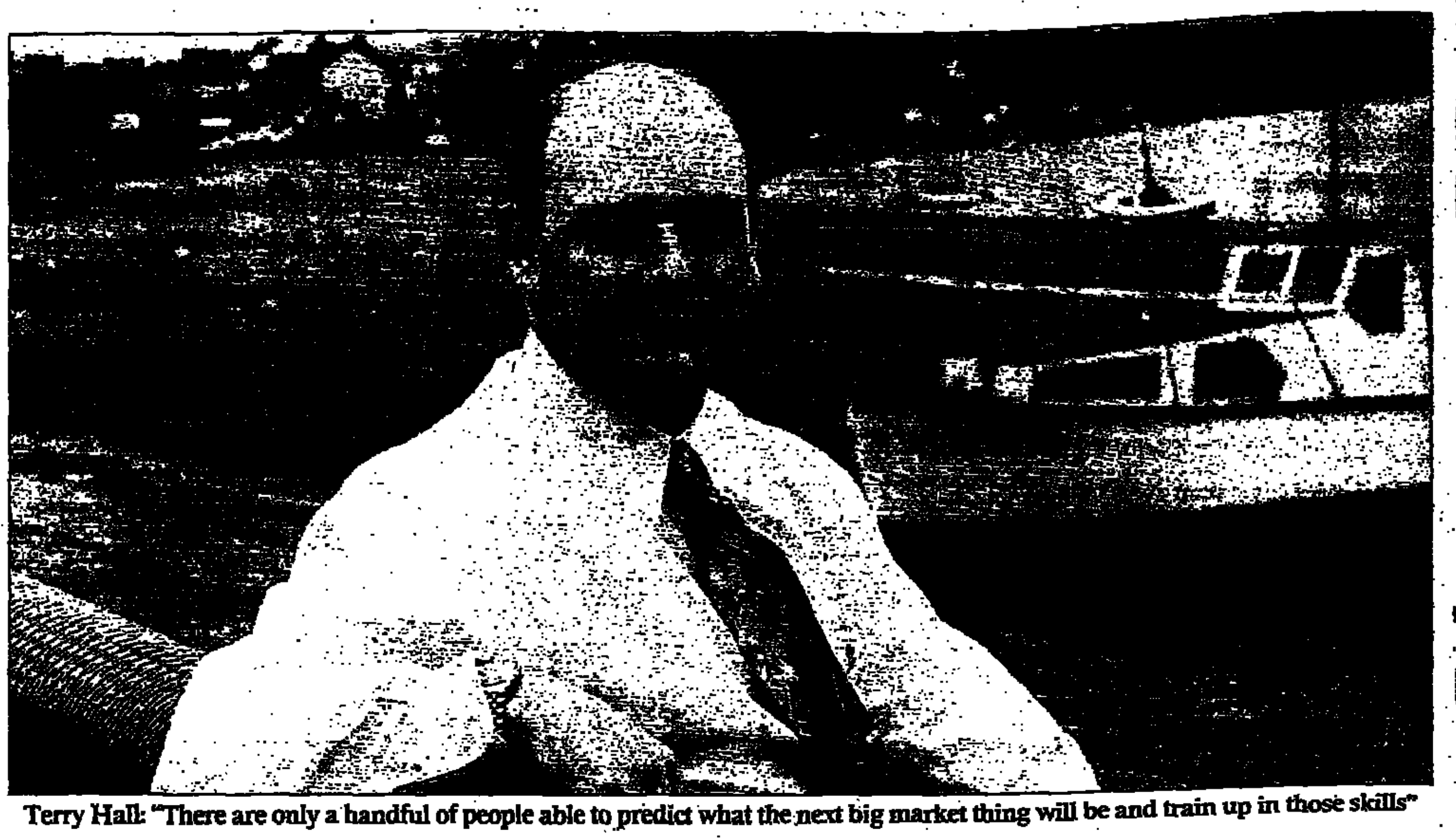
Mr Hall gives a warning against paper qualifications based purely on theory. He advises those looking to train up to go for courses with a high content of practical experience. "You may not only spend time and money learning a skill that falls flat on its face, but be left with redundant skills. You have to choose between high risk, high earnings or waiting until the products get established in the market."

Nick Simons is a self-employed contractor working as a project manager in the energy and insurance industries. He plans to invest his own money in a copy of Delphi — a programming language for Windows released by Borland earlier this year — because his clients are expressing an interest in the product. "It's going to cost me around £200, which is less than a day's training," he says, "and I want to know what Delphi is capable of." Mr Simons is particulary interested in learning Delphi's object-orientated features, because it is a new player in a market which industry giants such as IBM, Oracle and Microsoft are moving into in a big way.

Object orientation is the technology for developing computer systems that emphasise modules and the re-use of software components. Contractors experienced in object-oriented techniques can earn up to £1,500 a week.

Caroline Nayler, a project manager at a department store, had problems staffing her latest project to replace the company's retail systems. At the end of last year she was looking to build a development team skilled in the latest verion of the database Oracle 7, and Forms 4, a user interface.

Even when the highly sought-after contractors were located, there were other problems. "They only wanted short-term contracts, they didn't want to commit themselves to the next 12-month project. Three months was all they needed to hop on to the next project," she says. Ms Nayler finally opted to train her own in-house team at an average cost of £1,800 per person.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Is Thomas Adès the saviour of British music? **Richard Morrison** meets the young composer whose work is suddenly everywhere

PETER TRIEVNOR

Thomas Adès, surrounded by work in progress: the new opera has taken most of a year to write

A young composer in a hurry is a spectacular sight. Thomas Adès, 24 this year, sits in a tiny top-floor London flat that bursts with signs of his prolific impatience. Hundreds of manuscript pages of his first opera, *Powder Her Face*, are casually dumped on the sofa; dozens more, not yet fully scored, rest on a massive easel. A grand piano (goodness knows how *that* got in) is strewn with more bundles of things creative.

"At the moment", Adès says, "I am concerned to cover as much ground as possible with my flag. It's almost a colonial thing. English music has recently been notable for many things — primarily, incredible craftsmanship — but perhaps not for emotional breadth. That worries me a lot."

Grave words from one so young. Adès speaks in a rush. His face twitches in several different directions at once. His hands regularly flutter down to the ever-ready cigarettes. If this is genius ("a major talent from whom we can expect much" — *The Guardian*; "astonishingly accomplished" — *The Times*; "embarked on a brilliant career" — *The Sunday Times*), then it is genius working *prestissimo e molto agitato*. If it isn't, then it is the biggest piece of arrogance and pretension to hit British culture since Damien Hirst pickled his first fish.

"I don't actually listen to much new music by anybody else," Adès announces during our conversation. On the basis that a man may be judged by the company he keeps, I ask him who his friends are. "Oh, musicians and novelists, almost exclusively," he replies. Not composers? "I don't tend to see other composers, for everybody's sake." Asked to name the composers he most admires, he cites Bach and Conlon Nancarrow, an obscure American eccentric.

Why, though, does Adès need to be falsely chummy to his competitors? He has already been showered with honours. As a teenage pianist he prospered in the BBC Young Musician of the Year competition. Three years at King's College, Cambridge, culminated (naturally) in a starred double-first in music. Now he is composer-in-association with the Hallé Orchestra, and will be writing a piano concerto for the opening of Manchester's new concert hall next year.

Meanwhile, his music is everywhere. Tonight you may hear his string quartet *Arcadiana* at the Spitalfields Festival. This weekend his "hit" orchestral piece, *Living Toys*, is played at the Aldeburgh Festival, which is later devoting an evening to "Thomas Adès and Friends" (the musician friends, presumably, not the novelists).

Powder Her Face, the opera, is premiered at the Cheltenham Festival next month, then immediately staged at the Almeida in London. Yet another recent Adès piece will be featured at this summer's Proms. So it goes on.

> ‘I don't actually listen to much new music written by anybody else’

Who produced this prodigy? Adès's mother is Professor of Art History at Essex University; his father is, according to Adès, an "extraordinary linguist" ("he does things like translate *Miss Joan Hunter Dunn* into Latin"). The surname is French-Arabic. But is there music in the family?

"My parents aren't really musical, no. I don't know how all that happened. But when it did, it completely took me over." What did his parents think of that? "The implication was that if one was going to do music professionally, one had better do it at a very serious level."

Indeed. The piano was the first thing that the boy Adès became seriously good at. Composition came later. Adès says that he wrote "nothing of any significance" until he was 19. I ask what prompted him to start, and receive a startling sermon by way of reply:

"I was, I am afraid, dissatisfied with a lot of modern music. That's the honest answer. If you are going to be up to date, it is difficult to avoid sounding angst-ridden — you know, filling your music with terror. That is not really a good ploy for survival. On the other hand, I would much rather do that than compose religious aromatherapy. There is far too much of that already."

So what is the Adès ploy for survival? "I believe that there is another way: a new music that's truthful, and that gives people succour without giving them lobotomies. The modest thing of mine at the Proms this summer — *. . . but all shall be well* — is aimed at this very point: soothing if people want to be soothed, but not pretending there's nothing wrong."

That sounds promising, but it would be futile to pretend that Adès, for all his current status as darling of the music establishment, is writing pieces that are notably user-friendly. His method of composition is to start with a sequence of notes or chords and then work out "sheets and sheets of permutations" derived from that sequence. Although he claims to "trust the ears for the first three or four moves", the method doesn't sound all that different from the mathematical aridity of 1950s serialism.

Moreover, he expects listeners to concentrate and pick up the "aural connections". Is that realistic? After all, there is now an enormous comprehension gap between the avant-garde professionals and the vast bulk of music-lovers. "I think it is," Adès says with unnerving confidence. "Quite honestly, in my new opera there are more immediately absorbable connections on first hearing than in Berg's *Lulu*."

And this breathtaking comparison with one of the century's towering masterpieces brings us to discussion of *Powder Her Face*. It is all about the life, sensational divorce and decay of that favourite Scarlet Woman of Sixties Britain, Margaret, Duchess of Argyll. Or is it?

"Not exactly," Adès says. Clearly, I am being simplistic. "It was obviously inspired by her life, but it's not biographical. I asked my librettist, Philip Hensher, for a story about someone encrusted with trappings, and yet disappearing inside. Immediately he said: 'the Argyll divorce'. But of course the woman who has been abandoned is *the* classic operatic protagonist, from Monteverdi onwards."

This sounds perilously close to suggesting that *Powder Her Face* will put an over-intellectualised gloss on a damn good yarn about sex, scandal and headless men. And it is scarcely reassuring when Adès announces that the libretto "bristles with literary allusions, many of which I didn't understand at first". What hope for us mortals, then?

Nor will his score be short of quotations. Without prompting, the composer declares that it will include reminders of Stravinsky's *Rake's Progress*, Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*, Berg's *Lulu*, Schubert's *Death and the Maiden*, Mussorgsky's *Songs and Dances of Death* and Verdi's *La traviata*. "But they all emerge naturally from my material," he insists.

Writing this opera has taken almost a year, during which Adès has composed nothing else. Or at least, not on paper. "An opera is so self-contained that I have been able to dream up things for the next few years," he confides. "They are in my head at the moment. But I have the shapes, the temperature." I descend from his attic uncertain as to whether I have met the new Mozart or the latest in a long line of promising British composers whose careers peaked around the age of 21. Let's hope for the former.

● *Thomas Adès's music can be heard tonight at the Spitalfields Festival in London (0171-377 1362), during the next fortnight at the Aldeburgh Festival (01728 453543), and in July at the Cheltenham Festival (01242 227979) and Almeida Theatre (0171-359 4404)*

CONCERT

Bland of the brave

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THE Royal Philharmonic's two-part celebration of American music opened on Wednesday with a concert that promised more than it delivered. The conjunction of Piston, Copland, Griffes, Barber and Gershwin was seductive on paper, but the programming and, to some extent, the performances were anodyne.

The focus is very much on the Europeans among the Americans: *An American In Paris*, swaggering away under the enthusiastic orchestral traffic-direction of Andrew Litton; Barber at his most balmy and urbane; Walter Piston and Charles Griffes unashamedly stung by the spell of Francophilia at its most dulcet. One began to long for the anarchy of an Ives, the rasp of a Rorem, the mind of an Elliott Carter. There is so much more to American music, after all, than street processions and lazy verandahs.

The rocking chairs certainly swayed hypnotically in Sylvia McNair's sensuous and languid performance of Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915*. We were left in no doubt that the setting of James Agee's prose-poem was deepest Tennessee: heat hung heavy in the orchestra's wrap-around (and sometimes slightly hazy) ensemble.

A heat haze also hovered over Griffes's 1916 tableaux *The White Peacock* — one which seemed to live in a Persian garden not a million miles from Giverny — and over the passing show of Piston's suite *The Incredible Flutist*. It may have lacked the costumes and choreography of its first Boston Pops performance in 1938, but dogs barked, orchestral voices — human and instrumental — greeted the circus, and a solo clarinet *Siciliana* prepared the ear for what was to come.

Emma Johnson was the soloist in Aaron Copland's Clarinet Concerto. This was by far the most substantial work of the evening but, for all the technical accomplishment of its performance, it failed to come alive.

HILARY FINCH

OPERA: Verdi turns to gold as a new star is born; and a fast-rising tenor shines in recital

Love at first sight of Focile's Violetta

La traviata
New Theatre, Cardiff

Those who were at the Welsh National Opera's revival of *Traviata* on Wednesday will even now be preparing to bore their grandchildren in years to come with memories of Nuccia Focile's first Violetta. It was a simply sensational debut.

The young Italian soprano has for some years been singing Mozart and the lyric-coloratura repertory in Europe, recently graduating to Tchaikovsky's Tatyana. She first appeared with WNO as the bewitching Nannetta in Peter Stein's production of *Falstaff*, and has made a wise choice in returning to the company for her first attempt at Verdi's heroine.

The late Göran Järvefelt's supremely intelligent production, crisply revived by Robin Tebbutt, is rich in detail and innocent of cliché — an ideal frame for a singing-actress of Focile's resourcefulness. In what must surely be his best work to date as the WNO musical director, Carlo Rizzi led a thrilling performance, striking an ideal balance between near-romantic expressiveness and spine-tingling dramatic thrust: the much-loved score came up as though fresh-minted, and the musical performance had obviously been painstakingly prepared.

Focile has all the top notes for Violetta, and the agility, but the strength of her voice lies in her richly coloured middle register. Her response to the Italian words is extraordinarily positive: every line is given its due dramatic weight, shaped and projected so that notes and words become an indivisible entity. Variety of dynamic, use of accent and dotted rhythm, everything she does is in the service of the composer.

The stunning Nuccia Focile as Violetta in *Traviata*

She is also a stunning physical performer, using body language to portray a hard-nosed, cynical tart in the first act, and managing the transformation to tender, loving woman with complete conviction.

Thereafter Violetta's every emotion — from hysteria to defiance to seraphic calm at the moment of death — is reflected as much in her expressive features as in notes and words. This is already an absolutely heart-rending impersonation, and what it will be like in five years one scarcely dares to imagine.

Ultra-purists might jib at Paul Charles Clarke's occasionally wayward tuning, but it stems, veristically, from his believing and *thinking* every line that Alfredo sings. What with this, and Focile living each moment of her role, we were spared nothing of the pain and anger in a work that can all too easily slip over into the world of Mills & Boon.

Jason Howard plays Germont as a kindly family GP, which makes his moral blackmail all the creepier, and he sings powerfully. All the smaller roles are well taken, none more so than Dorothy Hood's exceptionally vivid Annina, a sour-faced bitch in the second act, a loyal nurse and guardian in the third. This *Traviata*-in-a-thousand is on tour over the next month, and no effort should be spared to catch it.

RODNEY MILNES

Quality shines out through Gallic gloom

Roberto Alagna
Covent Garden

The tenor Roberto Alagna celebrated his thirty-second birthday in style on Wednesday. For his first Covent Garden recital the full Opera House orchestra was on stage. Outside, the ticket touts were plying their unholy trade. Already he has had to put up with being dubbed the "next Pavarotti".

The first half of the evening's programme seemed specifically designed to prove that Alagna was *not* the next Pavarotti. It was drawn exclusively from the more solemn corners of the French operatic repertoire. There was Méhul and Gluck, Halévy's *La Juive* and Gounod's *Polyeucte*. This was material demanding the heroic timbre of a French tenor out to be the next Georges Thill.

Covent Garden really should have run to a programme which included the texts of the arias: Alagna himself might not have needed them, but the audience would certainly have found it helpful.

Alagna showed at his best as Halévy's Eléazar in the aria *Rachel, quand du Seigneur*, with the central plea carrying those head tones the tenor controls so exquisitely. Eléazar refuses to convert to the Christian faith; Gounod's Polyeucte agrees and goes to his death. The Act IV aria may give the tenor an opportunity to show off, but it is a dull piece. Donizetti's *Poliuto*, which deals with the same subject, has much more vigour and would have suited Alagna better in a first half that was rather too full of gloom.

After the interval came Italian opera, and here Alagna struck top form from the start. Oronte's *La mia letizia* from Verdi's *Lombardi* had a real throb to it and was followed by Faust's dream of peace from Boito's *Mefistofele*, which produced probably Alagna's best singing of the evening with its refined legato.

Phrase was linked to phrase with the suavity of the true lyric tenor. *Ah si, ben mio* (from *Trovatore*) got most popular applause, but an aria from *Il pirata* proved that Alagna should stay with Bellini a while before moving on to Manrico.

Bertrand de Billy provided the rest periods with some overtures and the *Intermezzo* from *Cavalleria Rusticana*. Alagna's resources are such that he scarcely seemed to need them as he launched into the encores, starting with Lionel's *Ach, so fromm* from Flotow's *Martha* sung, all credit to him, in German.

Werther's *Pourquoi me reveiller* followed and demonstrated that this must be one of Alagna's future stage roles. An injection of Massenet into the first half of the programme would have worked wonders.

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Itzhak Perlman brings his violin and virtuosity back to the Festival Hall for four concerts

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Marilyn meets Einstein in a revival of Terry Johnson's 1982 fantasy, *Insignificance*

■ THEATRE 2

How can the RSC's audience take Shakespeare's cock-eyed *Measure for Measure* at face value?

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DEFINITIVE PERLMAN: Itzhak Perlman continues his fiftieth birthday celebrations this weekend with the first in a series of four concerts with the Philharmonia Orchestra. Tomorrow's programme is an all-Beethoven one: Coriolan *Overture*, Two Romances and Violin Concerto.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tomorrow, June 13, 15 and 17, all at 7.30pm. ♿

WEDGWOOD ON SHOW: The V & A celebrates *The Genius of Wedgwood* with a bicentenary exhibition, opening today. Major works include Wedgwood's copy of the Roman Portland Vase, and 250 items from the 952-piece Frog Service, commissioned by Catherine the Great in 1773 and on loan from the Hermitage. All of the pieces on show were made in Josiah Wedgwood's lifetime.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8500) Today until Sept 17. Mon, 12noon-5.30pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.30pm. ♿

OPERA AT THE EMPIRE: A weekend of fresh approaches to much-loved favourites is on offer, starting tonight as the great baritone John Rawnsley returns to the title role of *Rigoletto* for the Opera Company. Tomorrow's production is *The Magic Flute*. Opera North's Roy Laughlin conducts tonight and Nicholas Kok on Sat.
Hackney Empire, Mare Street, E8 (0181-985 2424). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

ALDEBURGH: The 48th Aldeburgh **Festival of Music and the Arts** opens today with the world premiere of Nicola LeFanu's opera *The Wildman*. Other weekend highlights are a tribute to Nicholas Maw, orchestral fireworks from the BBC Symphony Orchestra, music on the theme of *Living Toys* from the London Sinfonietta and recitals from Felicity Lott and Paul Crossley.
Box Office: High Street (01728 453543). Tonight, 8pm; until June 25.

SHEFFIELD: First night of previews for Richard Cottrel's production of **The School for Scandal.** Honor Blackman, Dora Bryan, Ian Carmichael and Dinsdale Landen star in Sheridan's comic masterpiece, which transfers to Chichester in July.
Crucible, Norfolk Street (0114-276 9922). Tonight-Mon: opens June 12, all at 7.30pm. Until July 1. ♿

GARSINGTON: The gardens of the Jacobean manor house re-open for a seventh season with Rossini's *La Cenerentola*. Jean Rigby, Thomas Randle, and Richard Suart head the cast. Charles Peebles conducts, Jamie Hayes directs. Later productions include Richard Strauss's *Daphne*, Haydn's *La Fedelta Premiata* and Mozart's *Der Schauspieldirektor*.
Garsington, Oxford (01865-361636) Sun, 8pm. Until July 9.

COVENTRY: A weekend of drama for all ages is on offer from Playbox Theatre, with a double bill of new work. **Dreaming**, their version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, teams up with an exotic quest full of acrobatics, dance, and magic in *The Brave Magicians of Mangalore*.
Warwick Arts Centre, University of Warwick (01203 524524). Today and tomorrow; telephone for schedule. ♿

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **ABSOLUTE HELL:** Rodney Ackland's portrait of feckless Bohemians in the summer of 1945 is a fascinating rediscovery, played by a top-class cast headed by Judi Dench and Greg Hicks.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.30pm, mats Sat and Tue, 2.15pm ♿

■ **CROSSING THE EQUATOR:** Opening night for Jane Coles's play, set on a ship leaving post-war England for Australia. John Dove directs latest work by the author of *Cat with Green Violin and Backstroke in a Crowded Pool*.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm: at least until July 8.

◪ **DEALER'S CHOICE:** Patrick Marber's fascinating poker drama. funny one-liners abound, along with perceptions of the roots of gambling.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI:** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **FIRE RAISERS:** Max Frisch's always timely parable on the one-step-at-a-time acceptance of tyranny. Lenka Udovicki directs a cast headed by Malcolm Tierney and Frances de la Tour.
Riverside Studio 2, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until June 17.

◪ **FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE:** The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm.

☐ **HOT MIKADO:** Irresistably enjoyable jazz and jitterbug version of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera. Superb clowning from Ross Lehman's Ko-Ko.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 3pm.

☐ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE:** Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm.

◪ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM:** Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production: the outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit, Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. ♿

☐ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW:** The Undead pose and prance again: Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm; Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm. ♿

☐ **THE SILVER TASSIE:** Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama: Lynne Parker's production glows with fitful power.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. ♿

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm, Sat, 3pm and 7.45pm, Sun, 3pm. Final week.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE BRADY BUNCH MOVIE** (12) Adventures of an unnaturally wholesome L.A. family. Endearing send-up of the 1970s sit-com, with Shelley Long and Gary Cole. Director, Betty Thomas.
Empire ♿ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **JACK & SARAH** (15): Tame British comedy about one man, one baby, one nanny and the in-laws. Not for macho males. With Richard E. Grant, Samantha Mathis. Director, Tim Sullivan.
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KILLER (18): Hit man loves his intended target. Neat, knowing thriller from debuting director Mark Malone, with Anthony LaPaglia and Mimi Rogers.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Warner** ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **KISS OF DEATH** (18): Ex-con David Caruso is forced to infiltrate Nicolas Cage's gang. Flashy thriller that wastes its potential. Director, Barbet Schroeder.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION (15): Excellent version of John Guare's play about smart New Yorkers hoodwinked by an imposter. With Stockard Channing and Donald Sutherland. Director, Fred Schepisi.
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BULLETS OVER BROADWAY (15): Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack and Dianne Wiest.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666)

◆ **BYE BYE LOVE** (12): Three divorced dads spend a fractious weekend with their kids. Facile comedy for male baby boomers, with Matthew Modine, Paul Reiser and Randy Quaid.
Warner ♿ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15): Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Notting Hill Coronet** ♿ (0171-727 6705) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

ED WOOD (15): Tim Burton's wonderful biography of the bizarre man voted the world's worst film-maker. With Johnny Depp, and Martin Landau.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeons: Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ROB ROY** (15): Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth, Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
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SOMEBODY TO LOVE (18): Flawed but vibrant hymn to life's underdogs from Alexandre Rockwell, director of *In the Soup*. With Rosie Perez, and Harvey Keitel.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12): Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426-914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **TALES FROM THE CRYPT: DEMON KNIGHT** (18): Lively spin-off from the television series, featuring gore, glop and juvenile humour.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (0171-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

LONDON THEATRE: Terry Johnson's 1982 play revived; an RSC production transferred

Frustrated by their own fame

Insignificance
Donmar Warehouse

In its essentials this is the same piece that made Terry Johnson's name back in 1982, a decade or so before he started winning major awards for plays such as *Hysteria* and *Dead Funny*. Characters who have generic names but are clearly to be identified with Joe McCarthy, Albert Einstein, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio still gather in a New York hotel room, as if they were participating in some highly improbable game of Consequences. They still reveal their hopes and fears, and from time to time indulge in a little philosophical banter.

But Johnson has expanded the play for this revival, directed by himself. Whether he has deepened or improved it is another matter. *Insignificance* still seems to me largely an intellectual whimsy: clever, witty and often amusing, but lacking in avoirdupois. Certainly, it does too little to earn a climax in which the twin failures of science and politics are exposed by the wind and white light of the neutron bomb that Johnson thinks may destroy us.

The pace is a bit slow at times, but that seldom seems to matter when Alun Armstrong's Professor is on stage. He is being browbeaten and blackmailed into appearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities by Ian Hogg's Senator, who smugly describes himself as "a julep-drinking, nigger-whipping Louisiana boy". Hogg's American accent is execrable, worse than his caricature of an oafish racist cynically on the make. Armstrong, however, primly radiates a blend of wariness, melancholy, exhaustion and warmth from behind his preposterous moustache.

His is a fine, understated performance, at its best when he is politely trying to make sense of Frances Barber's Actress, who flutters breathlessly into his room in a blonde wig. For him she is a conundrum beside which his current quest, which is for the shape of space-time, seems a workaday problem. And Barber certainly has a Monroesque allure, as well as the waif-like intelligence that did historically alienate Marilyn from DiMaggio, in Jack Klaff's performance a gum-chewing hulk apologetically aware of his own dimness.

What's it all about? The conversation rattles here and there in somewhat Stoppardian style, newly bolstered by a discussion of quantum physics and the uncertainty principle that might have fallen off the back of *Hapgood*. The nature of reality is often raised, most entertainingly by Barber's Actress, who launches into an excited little lecture on relativity theory for the benefit of its discoverer. Fame, celebrity and the frustrations they bring are, however, more immediate and pressing concerns, for in Einstein, DiMaggio and Monroe we have archetypes of, respectively, brain, brawn and beauty.

Johnson does not have anything especially original to say about the characters' malaises, but he does sometimes bring their feelings of insufficiency to life. His play, for all its pretensions, seems to me best when at its least abstract: when Armstrong's Professor is inwardly debating whether he has the will and energy to get into bed with Barber's Actress, or she is rueing her failure to have a child, or Klaff's DiMaggio is promising to try to read the odd book. At such moments the revival seems worth it.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Alun Armstrong, Frances Barber, Jack Klaff and Ian Hogg in *Insignificance* at the Donmar Warehouse

King James would have liked it

Measure For Measure
Barbican

THE contemporary suspicion that many of our legislators are rogues and hypocrites does not hand us a useful key to open this unpalatable play. Angelo's corruption is certainly at the heart of its mystery: the Duke's deputy, hitherto chaste, lusts after the sister of the man he has condemned to death, and offers to trade her virginity for her brother's life.

The brother's crime is fornication, and we can just about imagine a society where this offence is capital. We are watching Shakespeare, after all, where characters often profess the strangest superstitions, and we bear with these for the shafts of wisdom and thrilling phrases that come elsewhere.

But in order to grope our way into Shakespeare's dark vision we are asked to take with us as guide the appalling and unfathomable Duke. As Michael Feast plays him in Steven Pimlott's RSC production (first seen at Stratford last year) we are soon at a loss. The character has been played as Christ and as Freud. Here he seems to be played as the Artful Dodger.

Shakespeare may well have hoped to present him as an omniscient monarch, and since the first recorded performance was at James I's court we can imagine him trying to curry royal favour. Today the Duke's compulsion to treat his subjects as pawns in a game of sexual chess is intolerable.

The crop-headed Feast allows the Duke some early distress concerning his own faults but thereafter he is busily darting about the place, stuttering when at a loss, raving about sex yet sniffing over the prostrate body of Isabella like a dog on heat. Small wonder that when he abruptly asks for her hand she slaps his face with it.

Immediately after this she kisses him on the lips, which gives no clue to her feelings except that she may be in shock. Stella Gonet's faint lisp in her first scene emphasises the girlish naivety that her subsequent ordeals will sweep away, and the confrontations with Alex Jennings's stiff Angelo are exceptionally well staged. He skilfully paces the declaration of his lust, from rectitude through evasive hints to the coarse demand, returning to propriety as he stalks off.

On a set by Ashley Martin-Davies that effectively doubles as prison and court of justice, the other roles are clearly presented, with Barry Lynch's foxy Lucio speaking for sensuality yet displaying the only untainted affection in the play. Shakespeare punishes him more severely than anyone, putting a morbid seal on a cock-eyed work. I daresay King James applauded.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Michael Feast as the "appalling and unfathomable" Duke

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D:Ream count the cost of being pin-ups to the teenybop brigade, — and try to go all serious

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No reining in of eccentricities as Björk releases a second album every bit as good as *Debut*

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Van Morrison eases off on the Celtic melancholy for his fine new *Days Like This*

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The questionable Therapy? add a subtle touch of helicoptor and gunfire noise to their latest oeuvre

It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it. Serious musician Peter Cunnah tells **Alan Jackson** about his exposed life as a teenybop idol

D:Ream topping for breakfast

On Peter Cunnah's table-top lies the latest questionnaire to be faxed to him by an inquisitive journalist. This one is from a tabloid newspaper and begins innocuously enough: "Which is your favourite book?". But the force behind the hit band D:Ream has enough experience of the press to know when he is being lulled into a false sense of security. A-ha! Scanning down the list, he soon comes to the nitty-gritty: "When and where did you lose your virginity?" How distant seem the days when pop stars were encouraged to be enigmatic, to cultivate an air of mystery.

At the more highbrow end of the market, they can still sneak by without revealing their shoe size, inside leg measurement and the ingredients of their best recipe. Increasingly, though, the fans know all. For example, Take That's current album, *Nobody Else*, may have been presented as a move towards a more grown-up audience, but the band's official fan club magazine ("The ONLY mag with the TT seal of approval", and a snip at £2.35) continues to offer such photo-sequences as a water fight between Gary and Mark, clad only in transparent Calvins.

Meanwhile, Cunnah, a thoughtful 28-year-old from Londonderry, finds himself at something of a crossroads where the media is concerned. He is only too appreciative of how helpful teen appeal can be to a fledgeling career. D:Ream had little profile to speak of until they landed an engagement as support act on a 45-date Take That tour late in 1993. The resultant exposure meant a ready audience for *Things Can Only Get Better*, the band's gloriously up-beat release of the following January. Within days it was No 1, remaining there for a month.

But the price paid for such exposure can be high. Suddenly you are regarded as fair game for exploitation; a bendy toy to be pushed and pulled into whatever positions a hungry pop press feels will best excite the readers. "I looked at the photo shoots of all the beauty boys, the poses that go with the territory, and just played it for what it was."

> ❛ Reaction to the songs is just a front for sexual attraction. It feels strange ❜

Cunnah says. "You learn by copying — almost by mocking — what's gone before. But it can get ridiculous. I was asked my worst nightmare, and I replied: 'Eating flesh'. So someone came up with the idea of sandwiching my hand between two slices of bread and having me pretend to eat it. I find it quite patronising — the hormone-tickling sensationalism of so much of it, the relentless attempts to stimulate kids who are going through puberty."

All of which means that a balancing act must be pulled off by his PR at East-West Records. "I filter endless requests," says Shane O'Neill, Cunnah's press officer. "The situation is made even more difficult by the fact that I have a professional relationship with the various magazines and with Peter himself. Also, there's only limited space in his diary, so basically you're looking to spread the message without compromising him or committing him to the cheesier things that are offered.

"Luckily, because D:Ream came out of the club scene, he has an in-built credibility and we've been able to encompass titles like *Q*, *NME* and *Melody Maker*. Increasingly, though, we're keen to do things where Peter comes across as the person he actually is, not as what some teen title might want him to be."

But further complicating the picture is the singer's own determination to play the pop game with the minimum of pretence. "Prince may be able to carry off that Master of Mystique act, but it's the total opposite of what I'm attempting," Cunnah says. "I'll answer anything within reason, and be as honest as I can. That way, you don't leave room for skeletons to be uncovered. Sometimes it backfires, though. My folks weren't too happy about an occasion when I was asked if I'd done drugs and I said that of course I had, being a clubgoer and someone in a dance band. Even so, I think I should speak the truth."

But however weird the experience of facing a conveyor-belt of up to 16 different journalists a day in London, Munich and Madrid, that of being catapulted from small venues to stadiums full of Take That fans is stranger still. A great opportunity, certainly. Unlike rock crowds, most of whom stay in the bar until the headline act is about to appear, teenies are in their seats from the off, anxious to squeeze every moment of excitement from their Big Night Out. Which means they'll willingly practise their screams on the support act — if they prove sexy enough. "Anyone competent could do it," Cunnah says. "It's about the person, not the music. Reaction to the songs is just a front for sexual attraction. But yes, it feels strange to be its object. You realise you've turned into a pop star."

Shoot me with your Love, the new single released next week and taken from D:Ream's forthcoming second album, *World*, proves again that the teen crowd was right in its assessment — Cunnah makes an excellent pop star. Propelled by the same energy and optimism that made *Things Can Only Get Better* so difficult to resist, the song will be inescapable on the airwaves in the coming weeks.

Meaning that the prurient may find themselves wondering just how our latter-day George Washington answered those two questions. Relax. His favourite book is Martin Amis's *Time's Arrow*. And he lost his virginity, aged 19, to a nurse in Greenwich, south-east London. "Somehow I felt I was in safe hands, what with her medical training."

"You learn by copying — almost by mocking — what's gone before," says chart-topping Peter Cunnah of the rules of teen idol engagement

'Retro' rockers are better than the originals, says **Caitlin Moran**

Days of future past

OK, I'm going to make an absurdly totalitarian statement, and then I'm going to prove I'm right: *there's no such thing as "retro"*.

No, no, micro-chip-eyed lovers of the present and That Which is to Come, *stop grinding your teeth*. Your dentists are sobbing. Oh, I know all the arguments — that for the past 15 or so years, pop has been eating itself, that we are constantly raking over the embers of that mythical Golden Age of Music and blowing on them, until the dull glow bursts into flame and catches fire in the Top Ten. (Incidentally, when *was* the Golden Age of Music? If you're over 40, it was the 1960s; over 30 and it was the 1970s . . . all my over-25 mates think it was the early 1980s. All Golden Ages are tied to the music that coincided with your leaving home; *I* have a soft spot for the early 1990s).

I know which bands are being exhumed and body-snatched — the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Patti Smith, the Buzzcocks, the Kinks, T. Rex, David Bowie, the Smiths and, more recently, the Stranglers and Wire. I even know who took the bodies — the Boo Radleys. Elastica, Oasis, Suede, Blur, the Stone Roses, Primal Scream and Teenage Fanclub. They've all been fingered in music writers' kangaroo courts of plagiarism, and found guilty of indulging in retro, paying homage to pop's past while slacking off creating pop's future. Elastica ripped off the Stranglers' *No More Heroes* for *Waking Up*. Primal Scream's *Loaded* is just *Sympathy for the Devil* with a dance beat; Blur half-inched everything they know from early Floyd and Kinks; and the Boo Radleys' very *souls* are in hock to the Beatles.

So what? I listened to *No More Heroes* and *Sympathy for the Devil* and the rest, and, quite frankly, the oldies should be *grateful*. In every case, those accused of tune-theft have come up with something *better* than the original. They've improved on something that was merely a blueprint, rather than the finished article.

The main point to be got across here is: why should a certain strain of music die with its creator? Just because Paul McCartney was the first person to think of capturing the sound of early morning sex in brilliantine harmonies (the intro to *Lovely Rita*), why should he be the only one, and the last?

The Boo Radleys simply *did it better* with *Wake Up, Boo!* There is no such thing as "plagiarism" or "retro" — we should think of it more in terms of *continuing a line of thought*.

This happens in every other walk of life — philosophers quote other philosophers who've been dead for more than 2,000 years. Now *that's* retro. "Borrowing" a chorus from a record released 20 years ago is just cross-pollenation.

That isn't to say slack-jawed idiots who thoughtlessly and brutally pilfer from the past should be canonised for their laziness: this is merely a call for a cessation of sniping at those songwriters and bands who are adding to pop's future by listening to and extending pop's past. We should be grateful that they are so brave.

Optimum's gone to Iceland

NEW ALBUMS: Björk goes one better than her glittering *Debut*; Van the Man cheers up at last

Björk: surpasses herself on her follow-up album

BJÖRK
Post
(One Little Indian TPLP51)

THE success of Björk's first solo album, *Debut* — two Brit awards and two-and-a-half million copies sold — was all the more impressive for being so unexpected. No one could have accused the Icelandic chanteuse with the voice as sweet and sour as summer fruit of trying to be anything she was not.

A lot more is riding on the follow-up, and it is to Björk's credit that she has ignored the temptation either to rein in her eccentricities or create some impenetrable monument to the indie avant-garde.

Her delivery encompasses a range of conflicting emotions, while conveying a constant sense of wonder and adventure. "I'm going to prove the impossible really exists," she insists on *Cover Me*, while a harpsichord delicately battles against the sound of an electrical storm gathering in the distance.

Her songs are built like crazy paving, carefully pieced together out of unlikely, angular musical shapes, and on *Enjoy* and *Headphones*, both co-written with man-of-the-moment Tricky, she puts her own unique spin on the trip hop experience.

Another brave and compelling collection, *Post* suggests that Björk has both moved at her own speed and kept up with the times.

VAN MORRISON
Days Like This
(Exile/Polydor 527 307)

"WON'T let the bastards grind me down," Van Morrison vows, repeatedly, on *Raincheck*, one of many fine songs on his new album. And, while a couple of tracks — *Melancholia* and *Underlying Depression* — explore the gloomier side of his muse, for the most part he sticks to his resolve, producing some of his most vibrant work for many years.

The horn section, brilliantly arranged by saxophonist Pee Wee Herman, features prominently, lending warmth and colour to the expansive, Celtic-soul sound of *No Religion*, *Perfect Fit* and the title track. And singer Shana Morrison duets effectively with her dad on a couple of blues/jazz standards, *I'll Never Be Free* and the old Ray Charles hit *You Don't Know Me*.

But ultimately, *Days Like This* is an artistic and personal triumph for Morrison himself. Rarely has he been captured in better humour or voice.

THERAPY?
Infernal Love
(A&M 540 379)

HELICOPTERS, gunfire, an explosion fading into a smash-and-grab guitar riff and then a lyric that begins: "Here comes the misery, yeah yeah". It could be Deep Purple, Iron Maiden or Guns N' Roses. But this is the start of a track on the new *Therapy?* album, a collection that finds the Irish trio retreating from the speedy, punk aesthetic that made their last album, *Troublegum*, such an irresistible piece of work, towards a more conventional, nouveau heavy metal approach.

As before, there is some pretty depraved imagery: "You rammed Eros maggots down my throat/Until I choked," Andy Cairns sings on the charmingly titled *Bowels of Love*. And there is a handful of good tunes, including a sombre version of Hüsker Dü's *Diane*, arranged for cello and strings. But tracks such as *Jude the Obscene*, *Bad Mother* and *Loose* sound ponderously overweight, and the album lacks the manic sense of purpose and flat-out urgency that propelled its predecessor to the heights.

GARY MOORE
Blues for Greeny
(Virgin 7243 8 40507)

THE idea of Gary Moore, a man renowned for his overbearing and bombastic style, applying himself to a collection of songs by Peter Green, the most sensitive blues guitarist Britain has ever produced, does not sound like a marriage made in heaven.

But it turns out that Moore's appreciation of Green is more than skin deep. *Blues for Greeny* finds the Irish axe hero imitating Green's uniquely sad, soulful sound with an accuracy that borders on the eerie. *Long Grey Mare*, *The Supernatural* and *The Same Way* are dispatched efficiently enough, but the slower numbers, in particular *Merry go Round* and *Love that Burns*, produce performances of startling intensity.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Pulse**	Pink Floyd (EMI)
2	**Singles**	Alison Moyet (Columbia)
3	**Stanley Road**	Paul Weller (Go! Discs)
4	**The Colour Of My Love**	Celine Dion (Epic)
5	**Nobody Else**	Take That (RCA)
6	**A Spanner In The Works**	Rod Stewart (Warner Bros)
7	**Natural Mystic**	Bob Marley & the Wailers (Tuff Gong)
8	**Tuesday Night Music Club**	Sheryl Crow (A&M)
9	**Picture This**	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)
10	**Big Love**	Ali Campbell (Virgin)

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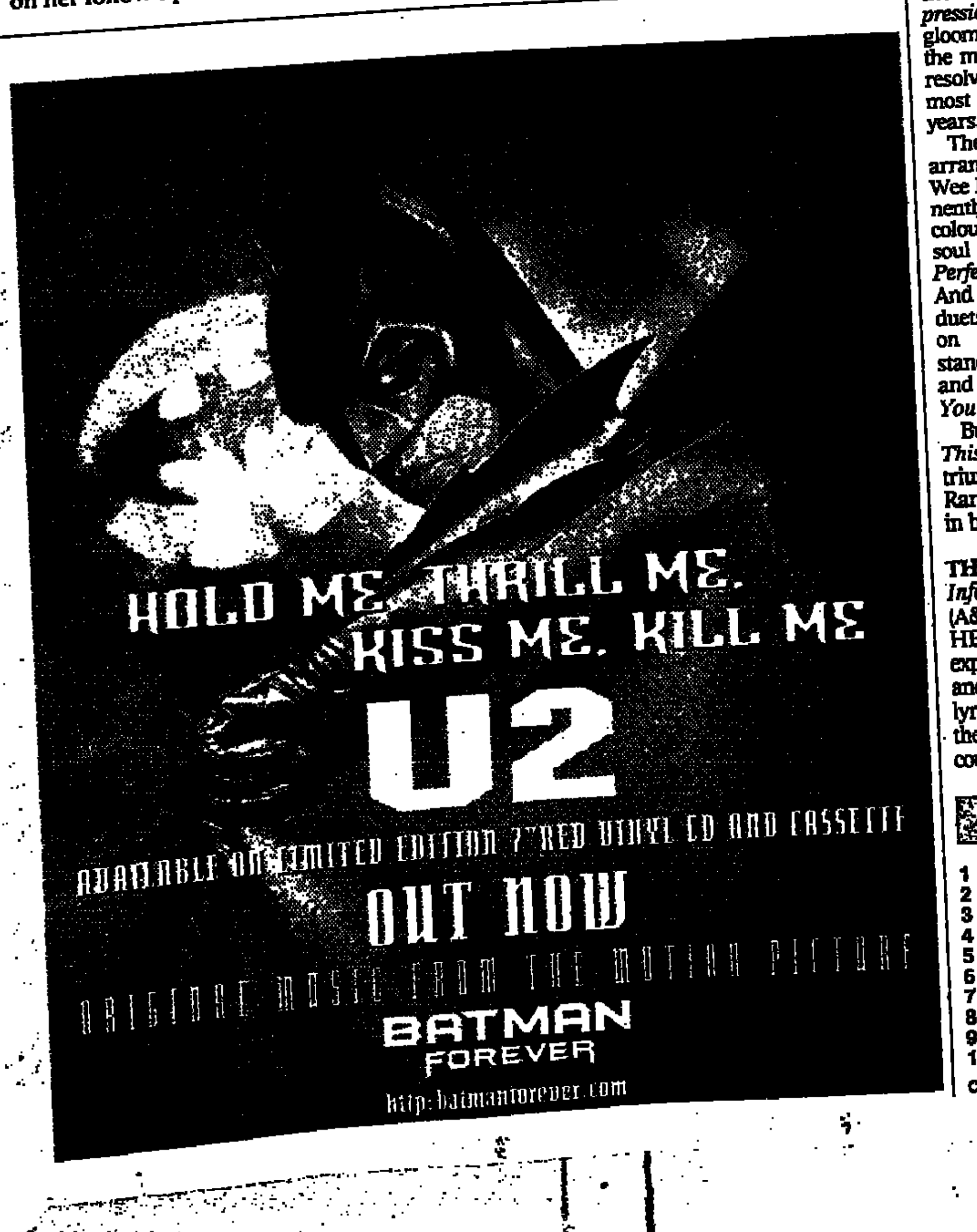

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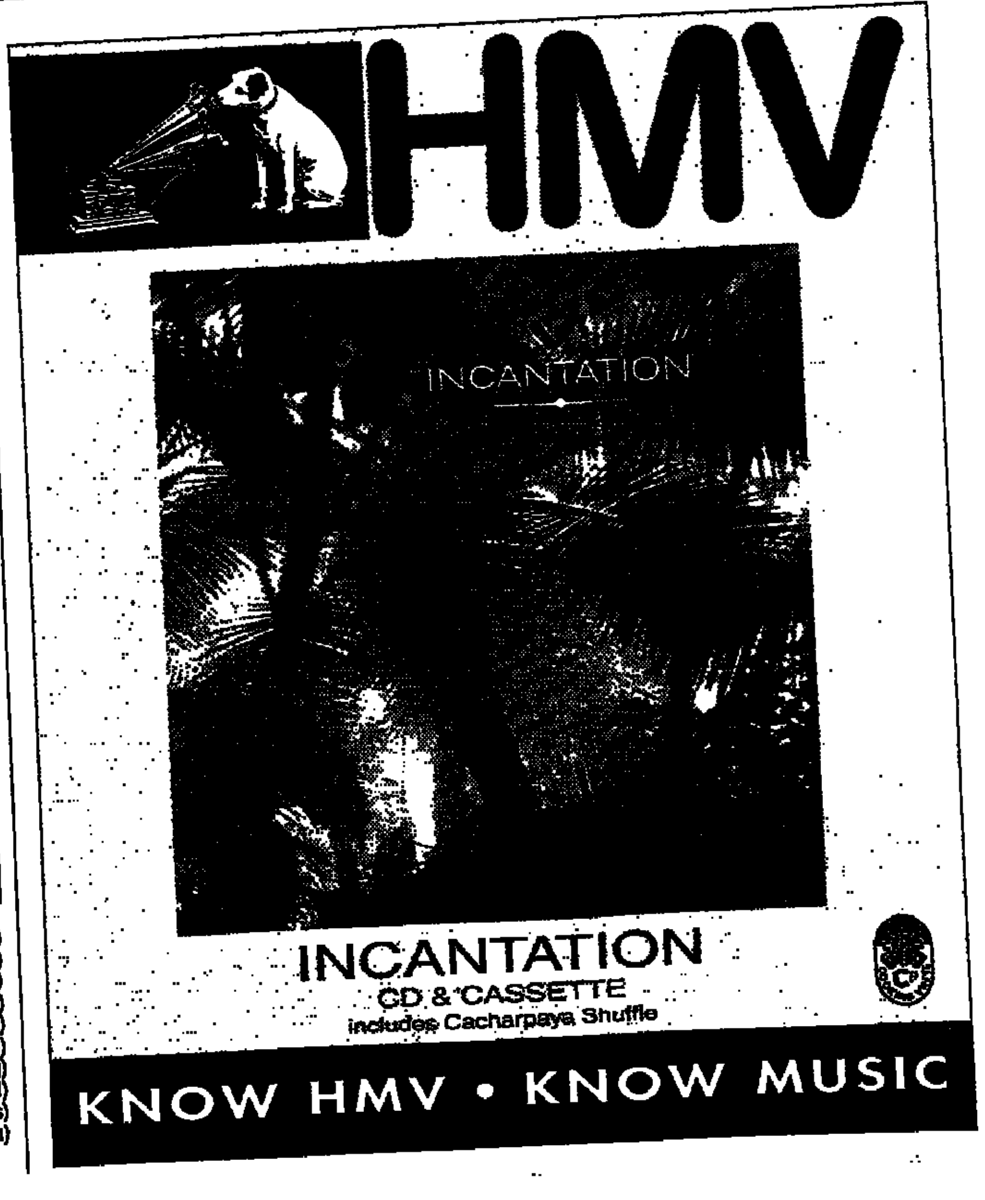

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Langer leads while Daly warms crowd

FROM MEL WEBB IN HAMBURG

FLYING objects were spotted hurtling round the skies here yesterday, small and white, they were travelling like shells. The man with his finger on the trigger of the rocket-launcher was a stocky, powerful individual with the hint of a world-famous haircut returning. John Daly was back, and the local bird population took cover.

Daly's personality, if not the sheer quality of his golf, illuminated a wet, windy and workaday first round of the Deutsche Bank Open, a tournament that is also acting as the resurrection of the Tournament Players' Championship of Europe, moribund for the past five years. Daly suffers from no such identity crisis. He knows exactly who he is and is obviously rather enjoying it.

He had nothing more spectacular than a level-par 72, which left him five shots off the pace being set by the inevitable Bernhard Langer, but the reception he got from the good burghers of Hamburg could not have been any warmer had he scored ten shots fewer.

Daly says he is more content with his lot since he fought a winning battle with the devil drink. The American is an engaging fellow who enjoys a rapport with his audience for which some of his fellow professionals would give up their favourite sand-iron. It is tempting to ask: Why?

"I've made some mistakes in my life," he said. "Life goes beyond golf and probably everybody goes through troubles at some time in their lives. I've been through it, and that's why I think people relate to me." One thing is certain — few mortals can relate to the vast distances he hits a golf ball.

Daly shares with a few others — Greg Norman, Severiano Ballesteros are good examples — the ability to entertain whether he is shooting a 64 or a 76.

This time he had two birdies from close range and two bogeys when he found water hazards. From others it would have been mundane stuff. From Daly, it was utterly absorbing.

Langer, meanwhile, took the lead with a 67 that was as effortless as it was commanding. If he wins this week, it will be his eighth victory on German soil, so nobody would be very surprised.

In miserable conditions at Gut Kaden he was put under some pressure by Jamie Spence and Costantino Rocca, who finished on 68, one in front of Emanuele Canonica, Mats Lanner, Peter Baker and Ignacio Garrido.

Rocca heard yesterday that there will be no last-minute invitation from the United States Golf Association (USGA) to play in the US Open next week after a mix-up regarding an exemption he thought he had won.

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the European Tour, confirmed that it was extremely unlikely that there would be a last-minute change of heart. Disappointed and still angry, Rocca said little, but let his clubs do the talking. Four birdies in the last six holes made his point for him.

Spence was once spoken of as a Ryder Cup prospect, but has declined alarmingly in the last two years. He could do with a good pay day this week — he has just splashed out £250 for his season ticket at Arsenal. He says he sees only about ten games a season. Quite enough for most people, one would have thought.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Gordon Sherry plays his second to the 2nd green during his morning match

Fanagan holds his nerve

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, asked Jody Fanagan what he did for a living, the reply was startling. "I bury people." Fanagan, who works for the 150-year-old family business of funeral directors in Dublin, replied with a steely stare.

In his first two rounds of the Amateur Championship at Royal Liverpool, Fanagan was nearly buried himself. He won his first match at the 19th, after being two down with two to play, and his second after being two down with five to play. In yesterday afternoon's third round, he beat Mark Foster, the English amateur champion, by two holes.

Fanagan beat Alan Reid from Barassie in the morning — "Fanagan and Allen," someone said — in a match that was played at a far from funereal pace, as was Fanagan's match against Foster. The Englishman levelled at the 16th with a cautious five, only to fall behind at the next.

The 17th at Hoylake is a glorious hole that demands both nerve and precision to find the green and even more nerve to go for the flag with the road at the back of the putting surface out of bounds. Foster and Fanagan were both just short in two. Fanagan hit a wristy pitch to six feet and holed; Foster hit a pitch and run to eight feet and missed. Fanagan, who is one of the Walker Cup squad, will now play Marcus Wheelhouse, the impressive New Zealander, in the first match this morning.

Play was very slow yesterday and the Royal and Ancient warned the remaining competitors that the maximum time allowable time for 18 holes will be three hours and 57 minutes. The warning was welcome, but unfortunately a day late.

Even allowing for another day of strong wind, a day on which the course played to its full 7,100 yards, matches were averaging more than 4¼ hours, which is far too slow for a matchplay event where both players do not always complete each hole. One competitor took 1min 52sec to play his stroke from the middle of a fairway.

More spills than thrills as cycling comes to town

It would have been terrific if I had had a programme; perhaps that is an overstatement. It would have been more interesting had I known who was who, whence they came and what was their form … but then what we witnessed between 7.30 and 8.45 on Wednesday evening in Aberdeen was not presented for our delectation but to provide an edited Sky television programme for transmission later that night.

We who have a pair of eyes miss out against those with six camera positions and the ability to edit and cross-cut. As I tell folk who complain about Sunday trading, going to the shops on the Sabbath is not compulsory — a sentiment which applies also to watching Grand Prix City Centre cycling.

I did. I shall not do it again, though it may make compulsive viewing.

What happened was that, soon after 6pm, they erected barriers to section off a 1km circuit. After that Aberdeen became a city divided: if you are in Union Street, which has Pizzaland on one side, Wimpy on the other, you have to make a decision as to where to take your stance: a bit like choosing between tennis elbow and housemaid's knee.

I took the Pizzaland side and regretted it. I shall not go back to Pizzaland.

The grand prix starts outside the Music Hall: the 50-odd riders race clockwise, take a sharp right into the cobbled Huntly Street, where they pass the "weekday entrance" to St Mary's Cathedral, turn right into the steep, smoothly macadamed Skene Terrace that has a Unitarian Church and three speed bumps: at each of these you can hear riders invoke the deities, though not always the same one.

Past a shoe shop called Kafka, another sharp right brings the peloton to the Wallace statue, which shows the Guardian and Patriot three times lifesized standing on 20 feet of granite. On the base is inscribed: "Go back to your masters and tell them that we came not here to treat but to fight and set Scotland free." Words said to English friars sent to negotiate a pacific treaty before the battle of Stirling Bridge.

Wallace was put to death by Edward I in 1305 "solely for his love of liberty and his fidelity to his native land". I expect you knew that. It is written on the other side of the statue.

Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, lifesized and haggard, watches from a nearby plinth. He is cast sitting down, looks like a man in the passenger seat who would have preferred to drive. Just up the hill to the cyclists' left on the stretch to Union Terrace are statues of Burns and Edward VII.

The commentator, who can be heard only near the start-finish line, speaks with the breathless voice used by some men of his profession. Every commonplace is uttered as if it were startlingly unique, voice raised at the end of most phrases. He is keen on alliteration: "Roddy Riddle is really revelling in this wet circuit." He missed "rainy". It was raining. Revelling is the man's big word. He also feels it is his duty to quote the litany of sponsors at regular intervals.

"A hundred pounds [he makes the sum sound like serious money] to the rider of the fastest lap is given by a Mr Smith, a local solicitor. Let us hear your applause."

There are not enough of us to make a noise; anyway, we are not applauding.

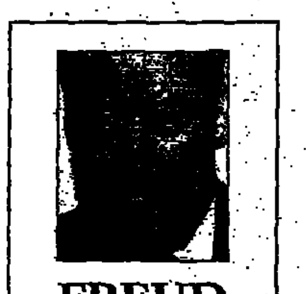
Plugs follow for Cycling Weekly, which I endorse for their man gave me a lift from the airport; Rover cars, who provided the car in which I was given the lift; Ambrosia Desserts, whose man was handing out blue flags inscribed "Enjoy Ambrosia Desserts" on weatherproof paper. Gratitude also, inter alia, was extended to Aberdeen City Council, who supplied the barriers and sponsored the police.

Not knowing who was who or rode for what confines this account of city centre cycling to the loudspeaker commentary: Rob Holden won, Joe Bayfield came second and, during the last three laps, they were a bicycle-length apart and shouting abuse at each other.

Roger Hammond, contestant No 46, sat next to me on the flight north, gave me his white Toblerone bar from the British Airways plastic tray because he has decided to eschew chocolate and briefed me about the sport: his bicycle cost £3,000, weighs 17lb, contains no steel but has carbon-fibre wheels, an aluminium matrix frame, titanium rails where the saddle is fixed and a layer of carbon fibre to sit upon. He is 21, offered me his picture in which he crouches by his bike above the words World Champion Junior Cross 92.

Hammond rode nicely in the peloton for 58 minutes, was coming up on the penultimate lap but finished way back. There had, according to the commentator, been a serious crash involving people not revelling in the conditions and I fear he was involved.

"It really is a real thrill," the commentator said, after which I made my way to the station. At Quick Snacks opposite platform six I paid for and would have eaten a meat pie had this not been microwaved to perdition. I shall not go to Quick Snacks again.



FREUD ON FRIDAY

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

First Cornhill Insurance Test match
11.0, second day of five, 90 overs minimum
HEADINGLEY: England v West Indies

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, second day of four, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Durham
CANTERBURY: Kent v Gloucestershire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Glamorgan
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
THE OVAL: Surrey v Somerset
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex
11.0, third day of four, 110 overs minimum
BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Leicestershire

Other match
11.30, first day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex

FOOTBALL

TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: Group A: South Korea v Scotland (Brignoles, 6.0); France v Mexico (Aubagne, 6.0).
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (in Sweden). Group A: Brazil v Germany (Karlstad, 6.0). Sweden v Japan (Vasteras, 6.0)

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event (Bramham).
GOLF: Amateur Championship (Royal Liverpool).
MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).
TENNIS: International Open (Beckenham)

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Beverley

Going: good to soft

2.15 (1m 100yd) 1, Bilsland (R Cochrane, 3-1); 2, Proud Destiny (2-1); 3, Divine Pursuit (11-8 fav). 7 ran. 7l, nk. R Charlton. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £1.40. DF: £6.60. CSF: £9.70. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.45 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Elementary (J Stack, 8-11 fav); 2, Goodbye Millie (12-1); 3, Kimberley Boy (5-1). 9 ran. 12l, 3½l. N Walker. Tote: £2.00; £1.60, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £9.80. Trio £17.00. CSF: £11.73.

3.15 (5f) 1, Eastern Prophets (Paul Eddery, 5-2); 2, Blessingindisguise (9-2); 3, Take A Left (5-1). Playmaker 7-4 fav. 6 ran. 1¼l, 3l. G Lewis. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £8.50. CSF: £13.47.

3.45 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Allesca (C Adamson, 3-1); 2, All On (12-1); 3, Sun Mark (20-1). Straw Thatch 5-2 fav. 8 ran. Sh hd, ½l. M Usher. Tote: £5.00; £2.30, £4.40, £4.40. DF: £82.40. CSF: £33.21. Tricast: £551.56.

4.15 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Riparius (W Newnes, 9-2); 2, Wonderful Day (11-2); 3, Hazard A Guess (7-1). Clouded Elegance 5-2 fav. 11 ran. Nk, 1½l. H Candy. Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £2.40, £3.80. DF: £16.70. Trio: £99.30. CSF: £30.66. Tricast: £164.84.

4.45 (5f) 1, Henry The Hawk (C Webb, 5-1; Thunderer's nap); 2, Nite-Owl Dancer (3-1 fav); 3, Halbert (5-1). 9 ran. 6l, 1¼l. M Dods. Tote: £4.40; £1.40, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £7.00. Trio: £11.20. CSF: £20.08. Tricast: £73.12.

Placepot: £79.80.

Quadpot: £26.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (5f) 1, Canovas Heart (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Chadwell Hall (13-2); 3, Mamma's Due (14-1). 15 ran. 1¼l, ½l. Bob Jones. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £2.30, £2.80. DF: £10.80. Trio £87.50. CSF: £19.63. Tricast: £187.44.

2.30 (2m) 1, Drimard (J Tate, 25-1); 2, Arrow Line (7-4 fav); 3, Who's The Best (6-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, 3l. K McAuliffe. Tote: £29.20; £7.30, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £21.30. Trio: £158.80. CSF: £67.81.

3.00 (1m) 1, Ocean Park (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 2, Top Fella (5-1); 3, Nautical Jewel (7-1). Opera Fan 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Jonbel. Midlin. 3l, 3l. Lady Herries. Tote: £15.90; £5.20, £1.40, £3.40. DF: £22.60. Trio: £77.60. CSF: £49.29. Tricast: £278.84.

3.30 (1m) 1, Iam (T Sprake, 14-1); 2, Samaka Hara (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Raayaat (8-1). Equity's Darling 3-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Ballard Lady. 5l, hd. W Hern. Tote: £22.50; £3.90, £1.90, £3.90. DF: £95.70. Trio: £191.00. CSF: £61.10. Tricast: £358.36.

4.00 (6f) 1, Abbott Of Whalley (G Carter, 10-11 fav); 2, State Approval (10-1); 3, Pulga Circo (20-1). 8 ran. Hd, 5l. J Berry. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.60, £3.10. DF: £8.00. CSF: £11.85.

4.30 (7f) 1, What A Nightmare (T Ives, 6-1); 2, Night In A Million (10-1); 3, Aquado (7-2 fav). 15 ran. 1¼l, nk. J Glover. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £3.90, £1.40. DF: £33.20. Trio: £57.60. CSF: £66.47. Tricast: £229.16. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £32,705.77 carried forward to Epsom today).

Placepot: £146.10. Quadpot: £39.70.

Wednesday's late results

Folkestone

Going: good

6.15 (6f 189yd) 1, Chief Of Staff (Mrs L Pearce, 6-1); 2, Mr Nevermind (9-4 fav); 3, Never So Rite (25-1). 14 ran. 2l, 1l. J Pearce. Tote: £5.00; £2.10, £1.60, £3.80. DF: £6.60. Trio: £60.30. CSF: £19.32.

6.45 (2m 93yd) 1, Soojama (D Biggs, 3-1 fav); 2, Much Too High (12-1); 3, Jaraab (10-1). 15 ran. NR: Amercius. ½l, 1¾l. R Flower. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £4.40, £3.60. DF: £60.90. Trio: £81.70. CSF: £37.41. Tricast: £298.03.

7.15 (6f) 1, Agnella (S Whitworth, 11-10 fav); 2, Caserano (10-3); 3, Green Bentley (6-1). 10 ran. 6l, ½l. G L Moore. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £5.00. Trio: £6.00. CSF: £5.96.

7.45 (6f) 1, Aragrove (M Tebbutt, 9-2); 2, How's Yer Father (10-1); 3, Face The Future (6-1). That Man Again 7-2 fav. 11 ran. Nk, ½l. J Payne. Tote: £4.10; £2.30, £3.40, £1.70. DF: £19.90. Trio: £58.10. CSF: £46.03. Tricast: £324.42.

8.15 (5f) 1, Anzio (S Whitworth, 2-1); 2, Windrush Boy (7-1); 3, Giggleswick Girl (6-5 fav). 10 ran. NR: Lift Boy, Tyrian Purple. Nk, 1¼l. B Pearce. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £2.60, £1.10. DF: £14.80. Trio £4.80. CSF: £17.51.

8.45 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Dutosky (D Biggs, 15-8 fav); 2, Malingerer (50-1); 3, Yo Kin-B (33-1). 12 ran. Hd, 3l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £3.50; £1.40, £14.90, £5.90. DF: £364.00. CSF: £76.87. Tricast: £2,309.98. Trio: not won.

Placepot: £40.00. Quadpot: £8.80.

Beverley

Going: good (good to soft last two)

6.30 (7f 100yd) 1, Euro Sceptic (S Maloney, 4-1 fav); 2, Ochos Rios (10-1); 3, Racing Brenda (7-1). 11 ran. ¾l, nk. M H Easterby. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £3.30, £2.90. DF: £36.40. Trio: £176.20. CSF: £39.35. Tricast: £243.60.

7.00 (1m 3f 216yd) 1, Bowcliffe Court (D Holland, 5-2 fav); 2, Kintavi (33-1); 3, Green Land (7-2). 15 ran. 5l, 1¾l. B Hills. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £11.60, £1.80. DF: £803.50. Trio: £287.50 (part won). CSF: £80.03. Tricast: £284.54.

7.30 (5f) 1, Top Cat (Dean McKeown, 7-1); 2, Beautiful Ballad (11-2); 3, Tart (4-1). Red Stream 13-8 fav. 6 ran. Nk, hd. E Weymes. Tote: £8.60; £3.30, £2.90. DF: £16.70. CSF: £39.83.

8.00 (1m 100yd) 1, Coureur (T Ives, 9-4 fav); 2, Kaafih Homm (3-1); 3, Self Expression (4-1). 7 ran. 2½l, nk. J Bethell. Tote: £3.20; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £9.35.

8.30 (1m 100yd) 1, Lorelei Lee (K Fallon, 6-1); 2, Jurassic Sue (6-1); 3, Shining Example (6-4 fav). 6 ran. Nk, 2½l. John Berry. Tote: £7.30; £2.00, £2.30. DF: £15.00. CSF: £32.23.

9.00 (7f 100yd) 1, Boldina Bay (J Weaver, 13-2); 2, Masasiaar (2-1 fav); 3, Lucky Soph (7-2). 13 ran. Sh hd, 2l. M Johnston. Tote: £8.10; £1.70, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £27.90. Trio: £7.00. CSF: £20.76.

Placepot: £429.70. Quadpot: £25.40.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

When London met Surrey in the Tollemache Final, the national county teams' championship, an interesting one-suit problem arose.

Dealer East Love all. IMP's

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                 ♠A J 10 7 6 2
                 ♥5
                 ♦Q 6 4
                 ♣K 8 5
♠K                  N         ♠Q 9 8 5 3
♥6 3             W     E      ♥Q 7
♦J 10 9 8 3 2       S         ♦A K 7 5
♣Q J 4 3                      ♣A 9
                 ♠4
                 ♥A K J 10 9 8 4 2
                 ♦-
                 ♣10 7 6 2
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W	N	E	S
—	—	1♠	4♥

All Pass

Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: King of spades

The auction went this way at all four tables and on the lead of the spade king declarer won the ace and drew trumps in two rounds. To succeed, all declarer has to do is to avoid losing four club tricks, and if the suit is 3-3 or 5-1 there will be no problems. However, West's shortness in the majors suggests that there is a fair chance he may have exactly four clubs. If that is the case, how should you play the clubs to best advantage?

There is no clearly right answer to this question but it is certainly arguable that West's failure to double Four Hearts, coupled with East's having opened the bidding, makes it much more likely that East has A 9 of clubs rather than the Q J doubleton. (If East has either Q 9 or J 9 you are likely to guess incorrectly the suit on the second round whatever you do, and these are the only critical holdings: if East has any other doubleton you should be able to survive in comfort).

If you agree with the initial hypothesis, the right way to play the clubs is to start by leading the ten from hand. That was what Barry Rigal for London did — and was gratified to find the exact layout which made this the successful play. As one Surrey pair had led to the 8 on the first round and guessed wrongly on the next by playing to the king, the play generated a sizeable swing.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PROPENSIVE
a. Thoughtful for
b. A pluperfect subjunctive
c. Having an inclination

RHINEURYNTER
a. A Rhine barge captain
b. A nose bag
c. A German mercenary

RUM-TUM
a. Collywobbles
b. A racing-boat
c. A honey puff

PRIMERO
a. A champion bullfighter
b. A gambling game
c. A Scottish cut of beef

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short Wins

Today's game completes publication of Nigel Short's three wins against Kramnik, Gulko and Yusupov from the PCA Super-Classic in Novgorod. This was Short's best tournament result for the past two years. As in Short's win against Gulko, published yesterday, Short weathers an early attack and moves over to the offensive himself in the endgame.

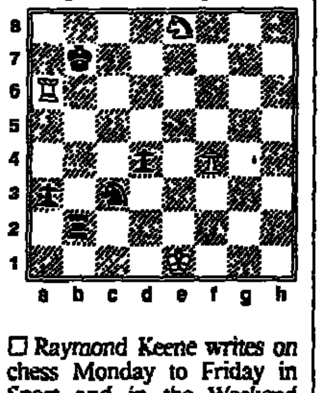
White: Artur Yusupov
Black: Nigel Short
Novgorod, June 1995

Nimzo-Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Bb4
4	Bg5	c5
5	d5	d6
6	e3	h6
7	Bh4	Bxc3+
8	bxc3	e5
9	Qc2	Qe7
10	Nf3	Kd8
11	Nd2	Kc7
12	Bd3	g5
13	Bg3	Nh5
14	0-0-0	Nd7
15	Rde1	Ndf6
16	f3	Nxg3
17	hxg3	Bd7
18	Rh2	h5
19	Kb1	g4
20	Ka1	Rhg8
21	f4	h4
22	Rxh4	exf4
23	gxf4	Nxd5
24	Rhh1	Nb6
25	e4	Rh8
26	Rhf1	Rh2
27	Nb3	Rah8
28	e5	Bc6
29	Be4	Nxc4
30	Bxc6	bxc6
31	exd6+	Qxd6
32	Qf5	Qd5
33	Re7+	Kb6
34	Qxd5	cxd5
35	Rxf7	Rh1
36	Rb1	Rxb1+
37	Kxb1	Rh1+
38	Kc2	Rh2
39	Rf6+	Kc7
40	Nxc5	Rxg2+
41	Kd1	g3
42	Rg6	Rd2+
43	Ke1	g2
44	Ne6+	Kd7
45	Nd4	Rxa2
46	Ne2	a5
47	Rxg2	a4
48	Rg7+	Kd6
49	Rg6+	Ke7
50	Ra6	a3
51	Nd4	Rb2
52	Nc6+	Kf7
53	Nb4	d4
54	Rc6	Nd2
55	Ra6	Nb1
56	Nd5	Nxc3
57	Ra7+	Ke6
58	Nc7+	Kd6
59	Ne8+	Kc6
60	Ra6+	Kb7

White resigns

Diagram of final position

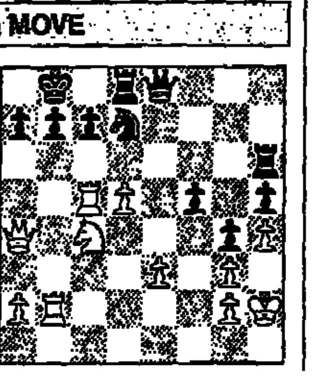


☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Khalifman - Serper, St Petersburg 1994. Here White bludgeoned his way through on the queenside with a series of sacrifices. Can you see how?



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CATTERICK

THUNDERER
2.20 New Inn. 2.50 Limerick Princess. 3.20 Lugana Vision. 3.55 Mayday Kitty. 4.30 Blue Grit. 5.00 It's Academic.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.50 STOP PLAY (nap).

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 SCOTCH CORNER HANDICAP
(£3,418: 1m 3f 214yd) (10 runners)

1 222- MIROSWAKI 165J (BF) G Fierro 5-9-10 M Wigham 7
2 0-51 ADMIRALS SECRET 14 (D,G) C Wall 6-9-9 L Newton (5) 6
3 0014 NEW INN 8J (C,D,G,S) E Weymes 4-9-6 Dale Gibson 5
4 034 PRINCE EQUINAME 13 D Eddy 3-9-0 N Connorton 10
5 0-00 MATISSE 8 J Bethell 4-8-11 G Duffield 4
6 0445 AHAALEE 13 E Dunlop 3-8-9 J Weaver 3
7 -136 SUDDEN SPIN 14 (BF,G) S Norton 5-8-1 J Fanning 9
8 0000 PRIME PROPERTY 11 (B) M W Easterby 3-7-7 — 8
9 000- DEMOKOS 269J (CD,F,S) W Barker 10-7-7 N Kennedy 2
10 / RED BEACON 55J J Goulding 8-7-7 P Fessey (7) 1

5-2 Ahaalee, 11-4 Admirals Secret, 3-1 New Inn, 5-1 Miroswaki, 6-1 others.

2.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,720: 5f) (9)

1 6 ALFAYZA 16 J Bethell 8-11 J Fortune 8
2 0 DIMINUET 41 J Watts 8-11 J Fanning 4
3 ELFIN QUEEN M Johnston 8-11 J Weaver 1
4 6 IMPROMPTU MELODY 10 B Rothwell 8-11 J Stack (5) 2
5 JUST ICE M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 7
6 KATY-O P Calver 8-11 M Birch 9
7 032 LIMERICK PRINCESS 9 J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 5
8 4 MYSTIC TIMES 9 Miss S Hall 8-11 N Connorton 3
9 5 STOP PLAY 11 M Tompkins 8-11 P Robinson 6

5-2 Limerick Princess, 3-1 Elfin Queen, 7-2 Stop Play, 4-1 Just Ice, 6-1 others.

3.20 JERVAULX HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,945: 5f) (10)

1 -141 BOLLIN HARRY 7 (CD,G) M H Easterby 9-11 (7ex) M Birch 8
2 0020 TEE TEE TOO 20 (BF,G) P Haslam 9-7 J Fortune 9
3 4145 BAILEYS SUNSET 4 (D,F,G) M Johnston 9-4 P Robinson 7
4 0520 C-YER-SIMMIE 7 (D,G) R Hollinshead 9-3 A Garth (3) 6
5 0334 DAILY STARSHINE 20 (B,D,S) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 1
6 000- STUFFED 228 (F) M W Easterby 8-6 J Weaver 2
7 00-0 JET CLASSIC 97 Miss J Craze 8-6 S Webster 3
8 -642 LUGANA VISION 36 (B) G Fierro 8-3 D R McCabe 4
9 -063 SUNSHINE BELLE 20 G Moore 8-2 J Fanning 5
10 05-0 CINDERS CHANCE 13 M Dods 7-7 Claire Balding 10

11-4 Bollin Harry, 7-2 Baileys Sunset, 9-2 Sunshine Belle, 6-1 C-Yer-Simmie, Lugana Vision, 8-1 Daily Starshine, 20-1 Stuffed, 25-1 others.

3.55 SCORTON CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,798: 1m 5f 175yd) (9)

1 3301 DURGAMS FIRST 8 (C,G) Mrs M Reveley 9-3 G Parkin (7) 9
2 0- HANCOCK 220 J Hetherton 9-3 G Duffield 3
3 3206 RECOVERY LAD 14 K Burke 9-1 D R McCabe (3) 2
4 0133 ABSOLUTE FOLLY 8 (G) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 4
5 -0421 GENTLE IRONY 13 (G,S) B Meehan 8-6 J Weaver 1
6 2443 MAYDAY KITTY 6 W G M Turner 8-4 P McCabe (5) 7
7 5514 RISKY ROSE 27 (F) R Hollinshead 8-2 A Garth (3) 8
8 00-0 COAST ALONG 11 C Thornton 8-1 A Mackay 5
9 -000 GRANNY'S LEGACY 16 J Bethell 7-10 T Williams 6

5-2 Durgams First, 11-4 Gentle Irony, 7-2 Risky Rose, 4-1 Mayday Kitty, 5-1 Absolute Folly, 8-1 Recovery Lad, 33-1 Coast Along, 40-1 others.

4.30 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP
(£3,262: 5f 212yd) (10)

1 -000 PETE AFRIQUE 25 (C,F,S) M W Easterby 4-10-0 M Birch 5
2 500- LOCHON 259 (CD,G) W Barker 4-9-7 Alex Greaves 1
3 454- FORMIDABLE LIZ 176 (D,F) M Hammond 5-9-6 Dale Gibson 6
4 4226 TYRONE FLYER 8 (C,G,S) G Fierro 6-8-13 M Wigham 10
5 6200 PINE RIDGE LAD 20 (D,F,G) J Eyre 5-8-12 S D Williams 3
6 -603 BLUE GRIT 6 (C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 9-8-11 J Fortune 4
7 0-64 HEART BROKEN 6 (D,G) J Fitzgerald 5-8-7 J Weaver 7
8 /06 HELLO HOBSON'S 28 (D,S) R Bastiman 5-8-4 Dean McKeown 8
9 2-63 ABLE SHERIFF 7 (B,F) M W Easterby 3-8-0 Ruth Coulter (7) 9
10 4-00 DOMINELLE 34 (D,F) M H Easterby 3-7-10 S Maloney 2

7-2 Heart Broken, 4-1 Able Sheriff, 9-2 Blue Grit, 5-1 Dominelle, 6-1 Pine Ridge Lad, 8-1 Formidable Liz, 10-1 others.

5.00 ELLERY HILL APPRENTICES RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,599: 7f) (9)

1 0003 NEVER SO TRUE 30 M Ware 4-9-3 M Semple 6
2 06-0 PRIM LASS 14 J Hetherton 4-9-3 G Faulkner 2
3 6004 GOOD MATCH 14 N Tinkler 3-8-12 A Eddery 5
4 00-4 KAMA SIMBA 39 N Callaghan 3-8-12 M Darley (5) 8
5 0500 SHARTEL 98 (G) M Johnston 3-8-12 K Sked (5) 9
6 0600 SIMPLY SIMON 25 K Burke 3-8-12 S O'Shea (5) 4
7 -035 GANADOR 35 J Berry 3-8-7 C Lowther 1
8 5046 IT'S ACADEMIC 16 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7 S Buckley 7
9 00-5 MAGNUMS SECRET 16 J Eyre 3-8-7 G MacDonald 3

9-4 It's Academic, 11-4 Good Match, 7-2 Kama Simba, 4-1 Magnums Secret, 6-1 Ganador, 20-1 Prim Lass, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 10 winners from 33 runners, 30.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 20 from 90, 22.2%; M Tompkins, 5 from 26, 19.2%; S Norton, 10 from 53, 18.9%; Miss S Hall, 5 from 27, 18.5%; J Berry, 31 from 178, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: J Carroll, 29 winners from 144 rides, 20.1%; G Duffield, 12 from 77, 15.6%; N Connorton, 9 from 59, 15.3%; J Weaver, 11 from 76, 14.5%; J Fortune, 11 from 84, 13.1%; M Birch, 13 from 129, 10.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Catterick Bridge: 2.20 Prime Property. Epsom: 4.00 Bunting. Goodwood: 6.40 Grimstone Girl, Bath Knight. 7.10 Feltash. 8.35 Saahi. Haydock Park: 6.55 Battery Boy. 8.25 Cafe Solo. 8.55 Ziro. 9.25 Arctic Charmer. Perth: 4.05 Couchant.

PERTH

THUNDERER
2.00 Ho Lee Moses. 2.30 Storm Falcon. 3.00 Glandalane Lady. 3.30 Uron V. 4.05 Tabu Lady. 4.40 Without A Flag.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

2.00 TENNENTS DAY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,608: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

1 BAGOTS PARK S Leadbetter 6-11-0 N Leach
2 435- BONE SETTER 20 S Mellor 5-11-0 Chris Webb (7)
3 02- HO LEE MOSES 37 J White 6-11-0 N Williamson
4 503- LUCKY WEDSONG 11 W Smith 5-11-0 S Taylor (7)
5 006- NORMANS PROFIT 10 W Young 5-11-0 F Perratt (3)
6 445- RACHAEL'S OWEN 22 T Dyer 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs
7 054- AMBER HOLLY 10 J Dixon 6-10-9 B Storey

7-4 Ho Lee Moses, 9-4 Rachael's Owen, 11-4 Bone Setter, 6-1 Lucky Wedsong, 10-1 Amber Holly, 20-1 Normans Profit, 25-1 Bagots Park.

2.30 TENNENTS SPECIAL NOVICES CHASE
(£3,436: 2m) (7)

1 011- LINDEN'S LOTTO 11 (D,F,G,S) J White 6-12-2 N Williamson
2 111- STORM FALCON 21 (D,F,G) S Mellor 5-11-10 Chris Webb (7)
3 /UP- AYIA NAPA 44 Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-2 K Johnson
4 03- CHARLIE LOVE 11 W Storey 6-11-2 J Supple (3)
5 046- CROFTON LAKE 13 J Dixon 7-11-2 B Storey
6 802- NOVA CHAMP 11 Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 R Garritty
7 030- WILLIE SPARKLE 23 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-2 A Watt (7)

5-4 Storm Falcon, 6-4 Linden's Lotto, 10-1 Crofton Lake, 12-1 Nova Champ, 14-1 Willie Sparkle, 20-1 Charlie Love, 25-1 Ayia Napa.

3.00 TENNENTS GOLD BIER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,453: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 511- T O O MAMMA'S 13 (F,G) J Oliver 4-11-11 S Melrose (5)
2 213- DANCING DOVE 11 (F,G) G Richards 7-11-9 B Harding
3 51P- TEMPLE GARTH 11 (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 6-11-9 B Grattan (5)
4 313- GLANDALANE LADY 5 (CD,F,S) J O'Neill 5-10-12 (6ex) R McGrath (5)
5 301- JOHNS THE BOY 22 (C,G,S) N Mason 9-10-11 J Supple
6 424- RUSTINO 11 (B,D,G,S) W Cunningham 9-10-9 W Fry
7 310- GERMAN LEGEND 9 (D,F) D Lamb 5-10-1 G Cahill (3)
8 12U- KAREN'S LADY LUCK 13 (G) M Hammond 5-10-0 K Sellars (5)

5-2 T O O Mamma's, 3-1 Glandalane Lady, 9-2 Dancing Dove, 5-1 Johns The Boy, 7-1 Rustino, 8-1 Temple Garth, 12-1 others.

3.30 TENNENTS LAGER HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,007: 3m) (6)

1 524- BOARDING SCHOOL 15 (F,G,S) C Parker 8-12-0 B Storey
2 211- URON V 13 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-11-12 P Niven
3 542- CHOICE CHALLANGE 13 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 12-11-2 D Bentley
4 411- WILLCHRIS 14 (F) D McBratney (Ire) 8-11-2 T P Rudd
5 2R0- TIMANFAYA 10 (F,G) W Reed 8-11-0 A Thornton
6 040- CROSSEEN LASS 270 P Casserly (Ire) 9-10-0 A P McCoy

5-4 Uron V, 3-1 Willchris, 7-2 Boarding School, 8-1 Choice Challange, 12-1 Crosseen Lass, 16-1 Timanfaya.

4.05 AITKENS ALE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,571: 2m 4f 110yd) (10)

1 110- GLENSHANE PASS 7F (G) I Ferguson (Ire) 6-11-13 Chris Webb (7)
2 551- MALACHITE GREEN 10 (D,G,F) M Hammond 5-11-7 Mr D Parker (3)
3 0- BROOMHILL DUKER 16 J Hellens 5-11-1 A Thornton
4 P/ KINCARDINE BRIDGE 8F Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-1 A Watt (7)
5 5- CLARE ME 14 D McBratney (Ire) 6-10-10 T P Rudd
6 430- VALISKY 9 R Allan 5-10-10 S Melrose (7)
7 6- COUCHANT 153 (B) J Wade 4-10-9 N Williamson
8 0- MINT GUARD 20 F Storey 4-10-9 B Storey
9 005- CHARLISTIONA 9 J Dodds 4-10-4 Mr A Manners (7)
10 255- TABU LADY 7 W Rock (Ire) 4-10-4 A P McCoy

9-4 Glenshane Pass, 7-2 Tabu Lady, 4-1 Malachite Green, 9-2 Clare Me, 6-1 Valisky, 16-1 Couchant, 20-1 Charlistiona, 25-1 others.

4.40 TENNENTS 80 SHILLING ALE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,788: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 531- WITHOUT A FLAG 15 (D,F) J White 5-12-0 N Williamson
2 011- TASHREEF 22 (B,CD,F,S) J Birkett 5-11-12 Richard Guest
3 303- FUNNY ROSE 18F P Monteith 5-10-5 G Cahill (7)
4 60P- DAPHNIS 109 (B,S) W Kemp 6-10-1 B Storey
5 064- PETAL'S JARRED 9 (V) W Storey 5-10-0 R McGrath (7)

Evens Without A Flag, 5-2 Tashreef, 5-1 Funny Rose, 8-1 Petal's Jarred, 10-1 Daphnis.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 23 winners from 55 runners, 41.8%; Mrs S Smith, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Hammond, 22 from 82, 26.8%; P Beaumont, 4 from 20, 20.0%; P Monteith, 17 from 87, 19.5%; G Richards, 28 from 147, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 11 winners from 34 rides, 32.4%; P Niven, 31 from 97, 32%; Peter Hobbs, 8 from 33, 24.2%; Richard Guest, 4 from 20, 20.0%; Mr D Parker, 3 from 16, 18.8%; F Perratt, 5 from 33, 15.2%.

Aqaarid to show worth in classic test

Richard Evans expects

Dunlop to complete notable Oaks treble with Guineas runner-up

WHEN it comes to handling classic fillies at Epsom, the success enjoyed by John Dunlop and Michael Stoute is virtually identical and the uncanny similarity between the records of the two trainers is mirrored by their chances in the Vodafone Oaks today.

Dunlop has won the Oaks twice with Circus Plume (1984) and Salsabil (1990). So has Stoute with Fair Salinia (1978) and Unite (1987). One runner-up despatched from Castle Stables in Arundel, Bonny Isle (1979), is matched by one sent down from Freemason Lodge in Newmarket, Untold (1986). Even the third places achieved by Three Tails (1987) and Shadayid (1991) are squared by Maysoon (1986) and Hawajiss (1994).

If it is impossible to split the two trainers, and deciding between the chances of Aqaarid and Pure Grain, their respective fillies running today, is hardly any easier, then at this stage I should declare what our parliamentarians call "an interest".

When Aqaarid made her debut in the Virginia Water Stakes at Ascot last July and won over an inadequate six furlongs, an ante-post investment at tempting odds for the 1995 Oaks proved too hard to resist. The apparent rashness appeared more than justified when she returned to Ascot two months later and won the Fillies' Mile, beating Pure Grain and Musetta, in fourth and fifth places, by around three lengths.

Although bred to be suited by middle distances, she again showed sufficient speed to win the Fred Darling Stakes in taking style at Newbury in April before finishing second to Harayir in the Madagans 1,000 Guineas, when she was heavily in season.

And yet a nagging doubt remained. Not about Aqaarid, but the threat posed by Pure Grain. Winner of the Prestige Stakes at Goodwood last summer, where the Stoute filly travelled so well before quickening in the final furlong, she appeared not to give her running at Ascot behind Aqaarid when failing to settle.

John Reid, her regular rider, remains convinced that Pure Grain would have beaten Aqaarid had she produced her Goodwood form and firm evidence to support his theory was advanced by Pure Grain when she made a winning seasonal debut in the Musidora Stakes at York last month. A long looking eight lengths away in third place was Musetta, which could be interpreted, using last season's Ascot form, to mean that Pure Grain is superior to today's Oaks favourite.

However, I must remain loyal to **Aqaarid** who boasts top-class group one form, had a genuine excuse for being beaten last time, and, more importantly, whose breeding suggests she will improve now that she tackles 12 furlongs for the first time. The stamina-endowed Pure Grain is sure to handle Epsom's cambers and undulations well. If there is the slightest weakness in Aqaarid, she will pounce.

Moonshell, who finished third in the 1,000 Guineas, three quarters of a length behind Aqaarid, obviously comes into the equation although there is no reason why she should reverse the form, especially on today's ground. The Godolphin-owned filly has not been sparkling in her recent gallops but the progeny of Sadler's Wells are often lazy at home.

It is hard to make out much of a case for the remainder, although Stoute's second string, Dance A Dream, could sneak a place.

Aqaarid and Willie Carson are fancied to capture today's Oaks at Epsom

BIG RACE LINE-UP

4.00 VODAFONE OAKS

C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,800: 1m 4f 10yd) (10 runners)

401 (1) 11-12 AQAARID 33 (BF,F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 69
(b f Nashwan - Ashayer) (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)

402 (6) 22-51 ASTERITA 27 (F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 86
(b f Rainbow Quest - Northshiel) (Black, yellow cap)

403 (2) 30-53 BINT ZAMAYEM 21 (Sir Eric Parker) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 81
(b f Rainbow Quest - Zamayem) (Light blue, white cross belts, red cap)

404 (4) 31-123 BUNTING 19 (V,F,G) (M Al Naboodah) J Gosden 9-0 M J Kinane 90
(br f Shaadi - Warm Welcome) (Yellow, white and yellow striped sleeves, yellow cap, white star)

405 (10) 216-1 DANCE A DREAM 30 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 91
(b f Sadler's Wells - Exclusive Order) (Red, white sash, royal blue cap)

406 (5) 634 KSHESSINSKAYA 16 (Mr Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 K Darley 84
(ch f Hadeer - Bonne Hope) (Yellow, black and yellow striped sleeves, quartered cap)

407 (3) 20-05 LAST SPIN 27 (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 9-0 T Quinn 63
(b f Unfuwain - Spin) (Red, yellow hoops, diabolo on sleeves, black cap)

408 (9) 1-3 MOONSHELL 33 (S) (Maktoum Al Maktoum/Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0 L Dettori 97
(b f Sadler's Wells - Moon Cactus) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)

409 (7) 215-013 MUSETTA 24 (F,S) (B Vasili) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 90
(b f Cadeaux Genereux - Monaiya) (Beige and light blue stripes, black sleeves and cap)

410 (8) 21314-1 PURE GRAIN 24 (F,G) (R Barnett) M Stoute 9-0 J Reid 96
(b f Polish Precedent - Mill Line) (Cherry, black sash, primrose and white quartered cap)

BETTING: 6-4 Aqaarid, 2-1 Moonshell, 3-1 Pure Grain, 12-1 Dance A Dream, 20-1 Asterita, 25-1 Bunting, Musetta, 50-1 Bint Zamayem, Kshessinskaya, 250-1 Last Spin.

1994: BALANCHINE 9-0 L Dettori (6-1) H Ibrahim (UAE) 10 ran

Form guide to the Oaks

AQAARID 1½l 2nd of 14 to Harayir in group I Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, good to firm) with Moonshell ¾l 3rd. In September 1994 beat Jural ½l in 9-runner group I Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, good to soft) with Pure Grain 2¾l 4th, Musetta head 5th and Dance A Dream 2½l 6th.

ASTERITA beat Bunting ¾l in 5-runner listed race at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, firm) with Kshessinskaya head 3rd and Last Spin 30l 5th

BINT ZAMAYEM 1¼l and short-head 3rd of 8 to Spout in listed race at Newbury (1m 2f, good).

BUNTING 2½l 3rd of 11 to Valley Of Gold in group I Oaks D'Italia at San Siro (1m 3f, good to soft).

DANCE A DREAM beat Yarn ¾l in 7-runner listed race at Chester (1m 3f 110yd, good to firm) with Bint Zamayem 9¼l 5th.

KSHESSINSKAYA 5¼l 4th of 9 to Subya in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm).

LAST SPIN 18l 8th of 10 to Worldnews Extra in maiden auction at Pontefract (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start.

MOONSHELL beat Finus 3l in 15-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start.

MUSETTA beat Fanjica ¾l in 8-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start

PURE GRAIN beat Caramba 1l in 5-runner group III Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm) with Musetta (2lb worse off) 8l 3rd

Selection: AQAARID

Sebastian out of Derby

SEBASTIAN was withdrawn from the Derby at yesterday's declaration stage because of a back injury received during his final piece of work at Newmarket on Wednesday.

"He's just the same as yesterday and we can't declare him," a spokeswoman for Henry Cecil's stable said. Sebastian's intended jockey, Pat Eddery, will be without a ride in the classic for the first time since 1971.

Celtic Swing, the Prix du Jockey-Club winner, was the only other absentee, leaving 15 runners. "There was no rain overnight at Epsom and the forecast is only for showers, so we decided it was best not to declare," Peter Savill's racing manager, Nick Babbington, said.

Brian Rouse takes the remaining spare ride on Daffaq, who will make the pace for Munwar and Fahal.

☐ Richard Hannon has supplemented Caramba for the French Oaks at Chantilly on Sunday.

EPSOM

THUNDERER

2.10 Cayman Kai
2.45 Wishing
3.15 Sonic Boy
4.00 Aqaarid
4.35 Menas Gold
5.10 BOB'S PLOY (nap)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Pure Grain. 4.35 Brave Revival.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.10 VODATA CONDITIONS STAKES

C4

(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £9,252: 5f) (5 runners)

101 (2) 12 CAYMAN KAI 10 (D,BF,F) (I Wight) R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery 98
102 (1) 514 GWESPYR 50 (D,G) (Lord Mostyn) J Berry 8-11 G Carter 82
103 (4) 3112 PASSION FOR LIFE 53 (D,BF,F,G) (D Waters) G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 69
104 (5) 4212 TADEO 16 (D,F) (J Good) M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 91
105 (3) 31 PRINCE ASLIA 27 (D,F) (Mrs R Daniels) M Johnston 8-8 D Holland 95

BETTING: 6-4 Cayman Kai; 5-2 Passion For Life, 4-1 Tadeo, 5-1 Prince Aslia, 8-1 Gwespyr.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CAYMAN KAI ¾l 2nd to Amaretto Bay in listed race at Sandown (5f, good to soft). GWESPYR beat Cyrillic 2l in maiden at Lingfield (5f, good) on penultimate start. PASSION FOR LIFE best effort this season when beating Mallia 4l in auction maiden at Haydock (5f, good). TADEO 1¾l 2nd to Eastern Prophets in conditions race at Bath (5f, good to firm). PRINCE ASLIA beat Welville head in auction maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).

Selection: CAYMAN KAI (nap)

2.45 VODAPAGE RATED HANDICAP

C4

(£21,363: 1m 4f 10yd) (8 runners)

201 (1) 31600-4 BEARALL 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mr and Mrs M Winterford) R Hannon 4-9-0 B Rouse 80
202 (7) 326/105- SOURCE OF LIGHT 224 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 6-9-13 Pat Eddery 90
203 (4) 2035-21 WAITING 6 (G,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 4-8-12 (3ex) T Quinn 96
204 (6) 15-0606 GARDEN OF HEAVEN 18 (B,G,S) (B Vella) C Brittain 6-8-10 B Doyle 94
205 (2) 4056-33 BEAUCHAMP HERO 18 (BF,F,S) (E Penser) J Dunlop 5-8-8 J Reid 69
206 (8) 21112-1 PENNY A DAY 11 (D,F,G,S) (J Good) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-6 (3ex) K Darley 98
207 (5) 12141-4 SAXON MAID 18 (D,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 4-8-4 T Jarnet 95
208 (3) 000-102 WISHING 15 (D,F,S) (K Spence) R Akehurst 4-8-1 Paul Eddery 94

BETTING: 5-2 Penny A Day, 3-1 Beauchamp Hero, 9-2 Wishing, 5-1 Saxon Maid, 7-1 Source Of Light, Waiting, 20-1 Garden Of Heaven, 33-1 Bearall.

1994: URGENT REQUEST 4-9-6 T Quinn (8-1) R Akehurst 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEARALL 14l last of 4 to Baron Ferdinand in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm). SOURCE OF LIGHT about 2l 5th of 8 to Velvet Moon in listed race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). WAITING beat Marsoom 1¾l in conditions race at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). GARDEN OF HEAVEN about 13¾l 6th of 7 to Alriffa in group III Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, soft). PENNY A DAY beat Virtual Reality head in handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm). WISHING neck 2nd of 6 to Mercadier in handicap at Goodwood (1m 6f, firm) with BEAUCHAMP HERO (2lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and SAXON MAID (5lb better off) 5l 4th.

Selection: WISHING

3.15 VODAFONE DIOMED STAKES

C4

(Group III: £28,400: 1m 114yd) (7 runners)

301 (1) 1404-12 YOUNG ERN 19 (F,G,S) (M Kentish) S Dow 5-9-7 T Quinn 69
302 (4) 0-63913 MR MARTINI 32 (D,F,G) (Parrot Racing) C Brittain 5-9-4 M Roberts 81
303 (6) 431-111 CHATO 19 (D,S) (Stall Nizza) H Steinmetz (Ger) 3-8-9 A Starke 84
304 (3) 3163-02 BE MINDFUL 48 (F) (Dr C Willis) J Fanshawe 3-8-6 D Harrison 88
305 (2) 1150-03 PRINCE OF INDIA 19 (F,G) (Sir Gordon Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6 L Dettori 86
306 (5) 03415-3 ROYAL PHILOSOPHER 13 (D,S) (A Miller) K McAuliffe 3-8-6 J Tate 80
307 (7) 28-6131 SONIC BOY 13 (D,G,S) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6 J Quinn 98

BETTING: 5-4 Young Ern, 11-8 Sonic Boy, 10-1 Be Mindful, 12-1 Prince Of India, Royal Philosopher, 20-1 Chato, Mr Martini.

1994: BLUEGRASS PRINCE 3-8-6 B Thomson (11-2) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG ERN 2l 2nd of 5 to Soviet Line in group I Lockinge Stakes at Newbury (1m, good to firm). MR MARTINI 3¾l 3rd of 11 to Desert Green in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). CHATO beat Ermanus 3l in group III Badener Meile at Baden-Baden (1m, soft). BE MINDFUL neck 2nd of 6 to Moments Of Fortune in conditions race at Thirsk (1m, good). PRINCE OF INDIA 2l and neck 3rd of 4 to Inzar in conditions race at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). ROYAL PHILOSOPHER 3¾l 3rd of 5 to Peace Envoy in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to soft). SONIC BOY beat Sue's Return 6l in handicap at Haydock (1m, good to soft).

Selection: SONIC BOY

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.00 VODAFONE OAKS

C4

(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £147,800: 1m 4f 10yd) (10 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

4.35 VODAC VICTRESS STAKES

(Listed race: fillies; £17,425: 1m 114yd) (9 runners)

501 (8) 033-062 GIRL FROM IPANEMA 6 (D,BF,S) (C Wright) P Cole 4-9-0 T Quinn 95
502 (7) 164-004 NEITHER NOR 11 (C,F,G,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 6-8-6 G Carter 81
503 (3) 11112-0 HIWAYA 55 (D,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-11 R Hills 96
504 (1) 16-40 ALL TIME GREAT 33 (G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-8 Pat Eddery 69
505 (6) 2143-15 BRAVE REVIVAL 16 (D,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 3-8-8 J Reid 93
506 (9) 11140- BRIEF GLIMPSE 239 (F,G) (Whitcombe Racing) D Chappell 3-8-8 B Thomson 90
507 (2) 1 GREAT INQUEST 19 (F) (Lord Dalmeny) J Gosden 3-8-8 L Dettori 83
508 (4) 2311-00 KARAYIB 11 (G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-8 W Carson 79
509 (5) 1110-00 MENAS GOLD 33 (D,F,G) (T Mountain) S Dow 3-8-8 M Roberts 93

BETTING: 5-2 Hiwaya, 5-1 Girl From Ipanema, 6-1 Brave Revival, Menas Gold, 7-1 Great Inquest, 8-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

GIRL FROM IPANEMA about 2¾l 8th of 8 to Hollywood Dream in group III Prix Corrida at Evry (1m 2f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. NEITHER NOR about 2½l 4th to Forest Cat in handicap at Sandown (7f, good) with KARAYIB (3lb better off) about 6l 7th. HIWAYA 9l 8th to Subya in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm) with MENAS GOLD ¾l 9th and KARAYIB 3½l 11th. ALL TIME GREAT about 4l 4th of 8 to Aqaarid in group III Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm). BRAVE REVIVAL 4¾l 5th to Subya in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm). BRIEF GLIMPSE 3½l 7th of 26 to Maid For Walking in auction race at Redcar (6f, good). GREAT INQUEST beat Easy Jet ¾l in maiden at Newbury (7f 64yd, good to firm).

Selection: HIWAYA

5.10 VODACOM HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £17,994: 1m 2f 18yd) (11 runners)

601 (6) 42-13 RAASED 44 (D,BF,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 W Carson 85
602 (5) 301-115 HARDY DANCER 20 (BF,F) (P Higson) G L Moore 9-4 B Rouse 89
603 (2) 25-0221 AT LIBERTY 6 (D,G) (B Adams) R Hannon 9-3 (4ex) Dane O'Neill (7) 96
604 (1) 432-021 BOB'S PLOY 13 (D,F) (K Reddington) R Akehurst 9-2 B Thomson 96
605 (10) 0-14 SEA VICTOR 44 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-1 L Dettori 96
606 (9) 116521 GULF SHAADI 13 (G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery 90
607 (4) 23-3031 YOUSH 25 (D,F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-13 T Jarnet 97
608 (7) 32-02 POLYDAMAS 10 (A Christodoulou) M Stoute 8-9 W R Swinburn 97
609 (8) 2-061 DAWSHA 13 (D,F) (Mrs J Chunton) S Dow 8-6 M J Kinane 89
610 (11) 15814 BARDON HILL BOY 11 (D,G) (The Finsbury Partnership) B Hanbury 8-5 M Hills 98
611 (3) 111312 GRAND SELECTION 6 (D,F,G) (M Hawkins) M Bell 8-3 M Fenton 69

BETTING: 4-1 Bob's Ploy, 5-1 Sea Victor, 6-1 Bardon Hill Boy, 7-1 Raased, Grand Selection, 8-1 Hardy Dancer, At Liberty, 10-1 Yoush, 12-1 others.

1994: RAGSAT AL OMOR 9-4 M J Kinane (7-2) M Jarvis 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAASED beat Yet Again 13l in 8-runner auction maiden at Brighton (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. HARDY DANCER beat Mihriz 1¾l in 9-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm) on penultimate start. AT LIBERTY beat GRAND SELECTION (4lb better off) short-head in 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good). BOB'S PLOY beat Benfleet 2½l in 9-runner handicap at Kempton (1m 2f, good to firm). SEA VICTOR beat Menshood 2¾l in 12-runner maiden at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good) on penultimate start. GULF SHAADI beat Hong Kong Dollar 8l in 9-runner claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 100yd). YOUSH beat Heboob Alshemaal 1¾l in 22-runner auction maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). POLYDAMAS head 2nd of 11 to Kimbridge Knight in handicap at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good).

Selection: SEA VICTOR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lord Huntingdon	7	17	41.2	M J Kinane	3	12	25.0
H Thomson Jones	3	12	25.0	G Carter	4	20	20.0
J Berry	7	39	17.9	B Thomson	3	15	20.0
C Brittain	7	42	16.7	R Hills	5	27	18.5
M Stoute	7	44	15.9	J Reid	14	86	16.3
R Akehurst	9	58	15.5	W Carson	10	65	15.4

Penny A Day looks sound investment

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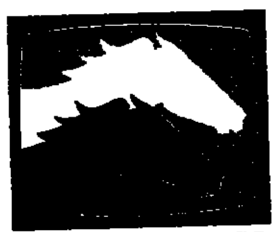

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.10: Prince Aslia showed bags of early speed before tiring close home and just holding on over Beverley's stiff five furlongs last month. This sharp track should suit and Mark Johnston's colt will take some catching.

By contrast, the Carlisle winner Tadeo may appreciate further. When Richard Hannon books Pat Eddery he invariably means business and **Cayman Kai** must go close after failing narrowly to hold Amaretto Bay in a listed Sandown race ten days ago. Previously a winner at Lingfield, the son of Imperial Frontier has plenty of pace.

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(4.00 Epsom)

2.45: A year after trailing in behind Erhaab in the Derby, Waiting and Wishing try their luck in handicap company over the same course and distance. The latter, trained by Reg Akehurst, was given too much to do, along with Beauchamp Hero, at Goodwood last time and should appreciate the step back in trip.

However, **Penny A Day** is the choice after winning the well-contested Zetland Gold Cup 11 days ago on his seasonal reappearance. The Mary Reveley-trained gelding showed improved form despite stepping back to ten furlongs that day and today's extra quarter of a mile should produce further improvement. He showed his adaptability when winning at Redcar, Doncaster and the tight Catterick track last year, and can defy a 3lb penalty for his recent success.

3.15: Young Ern unquestionably boasts the best form, having won the Hungerford Stakes last year and finished runner-up recently behind Soviet Line in the group one Lockinge Stakes. However, Simon Dow's stable star has never won beyond an extended seven furlongs. Admittedly, today's extended mile is very sharp and this race represents a drop in class but the doubts about his stamina still remain.

Sonic Boy produced a career-best performance when defying top weight in a decent handicap at Haydock last time but may be challenged for the lead here by Royal Philosopher. I will be looking for a horse coming from off the pace and none makes more appeal than **Prince Of India**. Lord Huntingdon's well-regarded colt finished less than five lengths behind Pennekamp in the Prix de la Salamandre last season and looked to be returning to form behind Inzar at Newbury last month over an inadequate trip.

4.00: see above.

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THUNDERER

6.40 Petite Annie. 7.10 Fairy Knight. 7.35 Goodwood Rocket. 8.05 Night Dance. 8.35 Pharamineux. 9.05 Bold Gem.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.40 PETITE ANNIE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.40 BBC SOUTH TODAY SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,883: 5f) (14 runners)

1 (6) 4323 BATH KNIGHT 13 (V) D Ffrench Davis 8-11 T Quinn 89
2 (2) 00 BOZEMAN 14 R Hannon 8-11 Pat Eddery 81
3 (10) 062 CAVEAT EMPTOR 14 S Dow 8-11 Stephen Davies 80
4 (4) 025 IVORY'S GRAB HIRE 6 K Ivory 8-11 G Bardwell 87
5 (5) 600 JEMSILVERTHORN 6 J Bridger 8-11 A Daly (7) 73
6 (9) 80 MANDY'S RISK 46 T Jones 8-11 R Perham –
7 (14) 00 SPORTING FANTASY 44 M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 89
8 (3) GOLDEN SILVER J Moore 8-6 S Drowne (5) –
9 (12) 340 GRIMSTONE GIRL 4 (B) M W Easterby 8-6 R Cochrane 66
10 (13) 538 PETITE ANNIE 11 T Mills 8-6 J Reid 69
11 (1) 006 RED SKY DELIGHT 14 P Butler 8-6 N Carlisle –
12 (11) 6343 SOLVA MIST 10 L Holt 8-6 C Avery 70
13 (7) TREBLE PET B Gubby 8-6 A Whelan (5) –
14 (8) 888 WINGNUT 18 G Lewis 8-6 S Whitworth 78

7-2 Petite Annie, 5-1 Bozeman, 6-1 Caveat Emptor, Sporting Fantasy, 8-1 Bath Knight, 10-1 Ivory's Grab Hire, 12-1 others.

7.10 BBC RADIO SOLENT HANDICAP

SKY

(3-Y-O: £4,378: 1m 2f) (7)

1 (1) 002- HIGH FLYING ADORED 234 J Dunlop 9-7 Pat Eddery 85
2 (4) 0-35 DONNA VIOLA 32 (F) C Wall 9-1 N Carlisle 98
3 (7) 00-6 SHADY DEED 49 (BF) J Hills 8-13 M Hills 97
4 (6) 00-0 FAIRY KNIGHT 37 R Hannon 8-12 J Reid 93
5 (2) 3-30 DUNGEON DANCER 7 (V,F) J Akehurst 8-6 W Newnes 69
6 (3) 0504 MISS JEMMIMA 14 Lord Huntingdon 8-5 D Harrison 98
7 (5) 0-00 FATTASH 13 (B) C Benstead 8-0 W Carson 96

5-2 Fairy Knight, 7-2 High Flying Adored, 4-1 Donna Viola, 9-2 Miss Jemmima, 8-1 Fattash, 9-1 Shady Deed, 10-1 Dungeon Dancer.

7.35 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BBC RADIO BERKSHIRE MAIDEN STAKES

SKY

(2-Y-O: £4,503: 6f) (8)

1 (4) AL SHAFA J Dunlop 9-0 T Quinn –
2 (8) COASTGUARDS HERO M Usher 9-0 D Harrison –
3 (5) DEPRECATE C James 9-0 W Newnes –
4 (3) 0 GET TOUGH 16 S Dow 9-0 Stephen Davies –
5 (2) 3 GOODWOOD ROCKET 16 J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 69
6 (7) HIGH PRIORITY M Channon 9-0 R Hughes –
7 (1) 85 NAVIGATE 52 (BF) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 81
8 (6) SHAMAQ P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –

2-1 Goodwood Rocket, 5-2 Shamaq, 4-1 Navigate, 9-2 High Priority, 8-1 Al Shafa, 14-1 Coastguards Hero, [illegible]

8.05 THREE KEYS HANDICAP

SKY

(£6,368: 1m) (6)

1 (2) 0-03 HELIOS 15 (F,S) N Walker 7-9-10 R Cochrane 69
2 (3) 00-0 BLUE BOMBER 16 (F,G) C Weedon 4-9-10 R Painter (5) 96
3 (6) 1-06 DESERT TIME 9 (BF,F) C Horgan 5-9-6 M Perrett 97
4 (5) 406/ GLITTERAZZI 602 L Montague Hall 4-9-2 Stephen Davies –
5 (1) 4-00 NIGHT DANCE 41 (F) G Lewis 3-8-13 S Whitworth 96
6 (4) 4054 POLONEZ PRIMA 9 (D,F,G) J Spearing 8-8-12 Paul Eddery 97

2-1 Helios, 7-2 Polonez Prima, 4-1 Blue Bomber, 9-2 Desert Time, 5-1 Night Dance, 12-1 Glitterazzi.

8.35 NICK GIRDLER CLAIMING STAKES (£3,785: 1m 4f) (10)

SKY

1 (9) -010 TRADE WIND 6 (B,C,F) D Elsworth 4-9-7 A Procter (5) 96
2 (5) 4246 PRIDE OF MAY 11 (B,F) R Hannon 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 91
3 (10) 36-4 IRKUTSK 16 M Pipe 4-8-13 M Roberts 94
4 (2) 320- CAPTAIN SCARLET 303 (V,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 4-8-11 B Doyle 69
5 (8) 3638 GINGER JIM 16 P Hedger 4-8-11 C Avery 91
6 (1) /05 SAAHI 18 (V,G,S) C Weedon 6-8-11 R Painter (5) –
7 (6) 4900 MINT A MILLION 11 M Blanshard 4-8-8 M Baird (5) 81
8 (7) 1890 PHARAMINEUX 10 (CD,F,G) R Akehurst 9-8-7 T Quinn 98
9 (9) 6500 CONE LANE 13 (D,F,G) B Gubby 9-8-6 A Whelan (5) 58
10 (4) 000- TOUCHING TIMES 272 (C,D,F,S) J Bridger 7-8-6 A Daly (7) –

5-2 Pharamineux, 4-1 Captain Scarlet, 9-2 Trade Wind, 5-1 Irkutsk, 6-1 Pride Of May, 10-1 Ginger Jim, 12-1 Mint A Million, 16-1 others.

9.05 SANDI JONES HANDICAP

(£4,235: 5f) (10)

1 (8) 0200 EAGLE DAY 15 (B) D Elsworth 4-9-10 M Roberts 98
2 (6) -145 JUCEA 29 (D,F,G) J Spearing 6-9-6 Paul Eddery 94
3 (5) 5505 DOMICKSKY 4 (CD,F,G,S) M Channon 7-9-6 R Hughes 97
4 (1) 5135 HALLIARD 16 (D,G) T Jones 4-9-2 R Perham 97
5 (7) -311 LADY SHERIFF 4 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 4-9-8 (7ex) R Cochrane 69
6 (4) 012- BOLD GEM 218 (B,D,G) B Meehan 4-8-13 B Doyle 91
7 (3) -606 JUDGEMENT CALL 15 (D,F,G) P Howling 8-8-3 N Carlisle 97
8 (2) 3-50 MIAMI BANKER 18 (B,D,G,S) W Muir 9-7-10 G Bardwell 85
9 (9) -001 MAZZARELLO 15 (V,CD,F) R Curtis 5-7-9 M Baird (5) 86
10 (10) 0006 SHADES OF JADE 2 (CD,F,S) J Bridger 7-7-7 N Varley (5) 77

2-1 Lady Sheriff, 5-1 Mazzarello, 6-1 Domicksky, 7-1 Judgement Call, 8-1 Jucea, Bold Gem, 10-1 Eagle Day, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lord Huntingdon, 8 winners from 46 runners, 17.4%; W R Muir, 3 from 18, 16.7%; G Lewis, 12 from 80, 15.0%; R Akehurst, 13 from 93, 14.0%; M Pipe, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 39 winners from 190 rides, 20.5%; M Hills, 19 from 108, 17.6%; J Reid, 34 from 206, 16.5%; W Carson, 22 from 223, 14.3%; R Cochrane, 23 from 163, 14.1%.

☐ Martin Pipe successfully appealed against a "non-triers" fine yesterday as his jockey, Jonothan Lower, carried the can for the running and riding of Shikaree at Fontwell last month. Pipe had a £375 penalty lifted while Lower, contesting a three-day ban, had his suspension increased from three to seven racing days.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

6.55 Beauman. 7.25 Inverlochy. 7.55 Cool Tactician. 8.25 Jigsaw Boy. 8.55 Anna Of Brunswick. 9.25 Rocky Forum.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 6F, HIGH BEST SIS

6.55 RED ROSE HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £2,864: 1m 2f 120yd) (20 runners)

1 -030 BEAUMAN 21 (C,S) P Evans 5-12-0 W McLaughlin (4) 5
2 4-00 SWEET TRENTINO 13 M Tate 4-11-12 Mrs H Needham (4) 13
3 501- BOWCLIFFE 531 (D,F) J Gifford 4-11-10 R Johnson 1
4 040- NO COMEBACKS 232 (D,F,S) E Alston 7-11-6 Mrs S Barclay (4) 12
5 3222 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (BF,G,S) A Bailey 6-11-2 Mrs J Crossley 2
6 5-00 DIXIT DOMINUS 25 G Balding 4-11-1 Miss K Greaney (4) 3
7 0302 DAHLENBURG 7 (V) J Gosden 3-10-13 J Durkan 9
8 0230 TANAH MERAH 41 E Alston 4-10-12 P Blaine (4) 15
9 422- TREMENDISTO 165 J Wilson 5-10-12 Mrs G Rees 20
10 0564 AIR COMMAND 13 (G,S) C Nash 5-10-11 P Phillips (4) 6
11 058- RECORD LOVER 293J (G) M Chapman 5-10-7 M Mackley (4) 19
12 00-0 MOKAITE 8 (F) M Barnes 4-10-6 Mrs M Kendall (4) 8
13 220/ NORDIC MINE 585 P Hobbs 5-10-6 Mrs S Hobbs (4) 16
14 -210 GOLD BLADE 77 (D,F,G) J Pearce 6-10-3 Mrs L Pearce 17
15 334/ PHANAN 1598J (D,F,G) R Peacock 9-10-1 Mrs C Peacock (4) 14
16 554 CLAIRESWAN 99 S Williams 3-9-13 Miss K Wright (4) 7
17 0050 KINGS VISION 3 (B,G) B Rothwell 3-9-7 Miss Alex McCabe (4) 11
18 0-50 BATTERY BOY 25 (B) W Elsey 3-9-7 Miss A Elsey 10
19 -000 CASTLETOWN COUNT 14 (F) K Hogg 3-9-7 K Drewry (4) 4
20 206- ICE MAGIC 247 (D,G) F Yardley 8-9-7 Miss S Yardley (4) 18

5-1 Mentalasanythin, 6-1 Dahlenburg, 7-1 Gold Blade, 8-1 Bowcliffe, Beauman, 10-1 Claireswan, 12-1 others.

7.25 EBF WEAVER MAIDEN STAKES

SKY

(2-Y-O: £4,416: 6f) (15)

1 BELLATOR G Balding 9-0 J Williams 6
2 0 CLASSIC VICTORY 20 S Williams 9-0 A Mackay 11
3 CUMBRIAN MAESTRO M H Easterby 9-0 S Maloney 1
4 GIVE ME A RING C Thornton 9-0 Dean McKeown 4
5 6 INVERLOCHY 18 J Dunlop 9-0 W Ryan 15
6 5 LE SPORT 31 D Nicholls 9-0 Alex Greaves 7
7 OISIN AN OIR J Berry 9-0 P Roberts (7) 13
8 SERIF J Gosden 9-0 G Hind 5
9 SHONTAINE M Johnston 9-0 D Holland 8
10 0 SWISH 22 N Tinkler 9-0 T Ives 2
11 WEST AUSTRIA J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 10
12 BOLLIN DOROTHY M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 3
13 MAYSIMP B Baugh 8-9 A Culhane 9
14 530 MISS WATERLINE 41 (BF) P Evans 8-9 J Fortune 14
15 STEAL 'EM A Bailey 8-9 M Wigham 12

7-4 Serif, 4-1 Inverlochy, 6-1 West Austria, 7-1 Shontaine, 9-1 Oisin An Oir, 12-1 Give Me A Ring, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 19 winners from 51 runners, 37.3%; J Gosden, 21 from 78, 26.9%; J Dunlop, 19 from 81, 23.5%; P Walwyn, 7 from 33, 21.2%; M H Easterby, 11 from 96, 11.5%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: W Ryan, 23 winners from 129 rides, 17.8%; A McGlone, 5 from 33, 15.2%; D Holland, 8 from 61, 13.1%; J Weaver, 9 from 79, 11.4%; N Kennedy, 5 from 44, 11.4%; S Maloney, 5 from 44, 11.4%.

7.55 CATALYST HANDICAP

SKY

(3-Y-O: £3,355: 1m 30yd) (11)

1 60-0 IRSHAD 13 P Walwyn 9-7 J Weaver 8
2 1006 COOL TACTICIAN 14 (G) R Hollinshead 9-2 T Ives 3
3 -016 RUSHEN RAIDER 6 (F) K Hogg 9-1 M Tebbutt 5
4 000 FRONTIERSMAN 43 J Watts 8-11 J Carroll 7
5 000 BOLLIN SOPHIE 51 M H Easterby 8-9 M Birch 4
6 004 JUST WHISTLE 13 C Thornton 8-9 Dean McKeown 2
7 00-0 PERCY PARROT 50 R Whitaker 8-2 Dale Gibson 9
8 0412 INDIAN RHAPSODY 8 (D,F) M Channon 8-1 C Rutter 6
9 00-0 QUILLON ROSE 25 C Wall 7-12 A McGlone 10
10 -000 BALLARD LADY 11 J Wainwright 7-11 S Maloney 1
11 0-00 KRALINGEN 30 N Chamberlain 7-11 J Fanning 11

7-2 Indian Rhapsody, 5-1 Just Whistle, 6-1 Rushen Raider, Irshad, 7-1 Frontiersman, 8-1 Cool Tactician, Quillon Rose, 10-1 others.

8.25 DARESBURY HANDICAP

SKY

(£3,994: 6f) (13)

1 50-0 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 6 (D,G,S) M H Easterby 10-9-13 M Birch 7
2 3-03 HERE COMES A STAR 10 (C,D,F,G) J Carr 7-9-12 A Culhane 6
3 0-05 ANSELLMAN 13 (S) J Berry 5-9-9 J Carroll 12
4 -240 SAILORMAITE 41 (D,G) S Bowring 4-9-8 S Webster 9
5 2600 LEIGH CROFTER 20 (B,CD,F,G,S) P Cundell 6-9-8 D Griffiths (5) 3
6 -100 TEETOTALLER 20 (D,G,S) G Balding 4-9-4 J Williams 6
7 4116 THE OLD CHAPEL 11 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) B McMahon 6-9-1 F Norton 4
8 0010 CAPTAIN CARAT 11 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-1 J Weaver 2
9 0-05 BELLS OF LONGWICK 29 (F,G,S) W Haigh 6-9-0 Dale Gibson 11
10 0062 CROFT IMPERIAL 6 (F,G,S) M Johnston 8-8-13 D Holland 1
11 5663 JIGSAW BOY 11 (D,F,S) P Murphy 6-8-11 R Waterfield (7) 10
12 0400 CHEERFUL GROOM 8 (F) J Mackie 4-8-0 G Hind 5
13 0300 CAFE SOLO 7 (B,D,S) N Bycroft 4-7-7 N Kennedy 13

9-2 Captain Carat, 6-1 The Old Chapel, Croft Imperial, 7-1 Leigh Crofter, 8-1 Jigsaw Boy, Sailormaite, 10-1 others.

8.55 WINWICK MAIDEN STAKES

(£3,857: 1m 6f) (9)

1 00 DANSON 93 T Caldwell 4-9-12 DOUBTFUL 9
2 GREAT EASEBY 11J W Storey 5-9-12 D R McCabe (3) 6
3 46-6 POLISH CONSUL 19 W Hern 4-9-12 M Birch 3
4 TELMO H Cecil 3-8-8 A McGlone 2
5 54 TIBETAN 20 Lady Herries 3-8-8 T Ives 8
6 0-4 TONNERRE 49 C Fairhurst 3-8-8 Dean McKeown 4
7 22 TORAJA 29 (BF) J Dunlop 3-8-8 J Weaver 1
8 0 ZIRO 18 (V) P Evans 3-8-8 J Fortune 5
9 2 ANNA OF BRUNSWICK 15 H Cecil 3-8-3 W Ryan 7

6-4 Anna Of Brunswick, 7-2 Telmo, 9-2 Polish Consul, 5-1 Tibetan, 6-1 Toraja, 16-1 others.

9.25 MATTHEW PEACOCK HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,818: 1m 6f) (6)

1 00-2 ARCTIC CHARMER 71 (B) J Dunlop 9-7 W Ryan 2
2 -432 MUTAZZ 25 W Hern 8-12 J Carroll 1
3 004 BROCKTON LIGHT 14 M Channon 8-1 C Rutter 4
4 50-0 PENBOLA 43 M H Easterby 8-1 S Maloney 5
5 00-5 ARMSTON 25 J Wharton 8-1 J Fanning 6
6 6264 ROCKY FORUM 10 G L Moore 7-12 F Norton 3

5-4 Arctic Charmer, 3-1 Mutazz, 5-1 Rocky Forum, 7-1 Brockton Light, 8-1 Penbola, 12-1 Armston.

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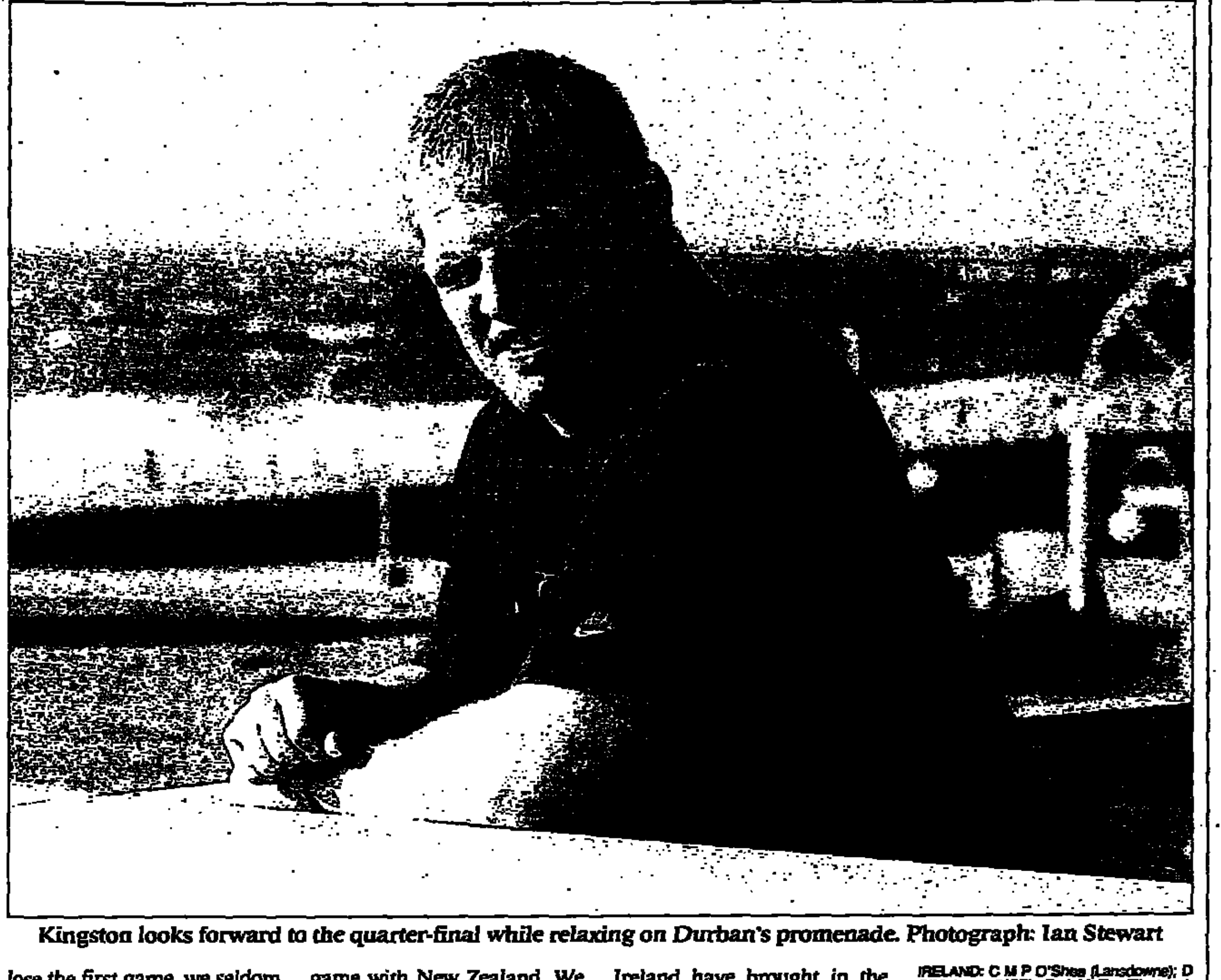

Kingston looks forward to the quarter-final while relaxing on Durban's promenade. Photograph: Ian Stewart

THE whirligig of international rugby has spun merrily for Terry Kingston these last three months. The player who seemed, at one point, to be Ireland's permanent choice as reserve hooker emerged as his country's captain in March and, in Durban tomorrow, he will lead the Irish against France in a World Cup quarter-final which they have a gambler's chance of winning.

Kingston, a squat and pugnacious figure on the field, is as genial a son of Cork off it as one could wish. The shoulders, you may think, have become broader at the weight of disappointment, individual and collective; Kingston will have none of it. "Ireland maybe don't get as much success as some other sides but you have to believe in your own ability.

"When you first get dropped it's a blow because you feel you have let people down, let your club down. But I knew what standard was required and believed I could compete at that level. Then there's the pride and honour of playing for your country and it's so enjoyable, it's the best that rugby can offer."

Kingston is of the old school: man and boy, save for a brief flirtation with the Dublin club, Lansdowne, he has been a Dolphin player. The required projection came from Munster, whose victory over the 1992 Australians restored Kingston just when his career seemed at low ebb after the unsuccessful tour to New Zealand that summer.

Restored is a comparative word. During 1993 and 1994 the only events to buoy Irish supporters were successive wins over England, this year only victory over Wales in Cardiff — Kingston's first game as captain in succession to Michael Bradley — lifted them off the bottom of the five nations' championship.

"In the championship if we lose the first game, we seldom have the chance to settle. Here we have had three weeks of pure rugby," Kingston said.

"We realised the amount of work we had to do and we reached a level of intensity I have never known in an Irish squad before. Then we took a lot of confidence from our pool game with New Zealand. We had to take our game to them and we did. The Welsh game was a huge one for both countries, because of the expectancy back home, probably the most important this Irish side will ever play."

Now comes the next most important game, for which Ireland have brought in the 22-year-old Dublin student, Darragh O'Mahony for his second cap. He replaces Richard Wallace, who played in all three pool games, on the right wing. "This side has yet to reach its full potential," Kingston said. All Ireland will hope he is right.

IRELAND: C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne); D O'Mahony (UCD), B J Mullin (Blackrock Coll), J C Bell (Ballymena), S P Geoghegan (Bath); E P Elwood (Lansdowne), N A Hogan (Terenure Coll), N J Popplewell (Wasps), T J Kingston (Dolphin, captain), G M Halpin (London Irish), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), W D McBride (Malone), P S Johns (Dungannon). Replacements: P P A Danaher (Garryowen), P A Burke (Cork Constitution), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution), E Halvey (Shannon), P Wallace (Blackrock Coll), S Byrne (Blackrock Coll).

Scotland decide on familiar option

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN PRETORIA

DESPITE the lengthy inquest into the defeat by France last weekend, Scotland have named the side that began that match for the World Cup quarter-final against New Zealand on Sunday.

The Scottish management is insistent that Peter Wright has recovered from the bruised rib injury that forced him to leave the field last Saturday and that Graham Shiel will be fit after it was established that his nose is not broken.

Loyalty has been one of Duncan Paterson and Dougie Morgan's strengths in recent months. The squad, which yesterday visited a township near Pretoria to coach 300 schoolchildren, has grown together and the team itself achieved much. It is appropriate, therefore, that they have stayed faithful to the players who have served them well.

Craig Joiner is retained and has the dubious pleasure of marking Jonah Lomu, the New Zealand left wing, who, at 18st 6lbs, is heavier than any of the Scottish team.

"The players should have beaten France and they know it," Paterson said yesterday. "It has been drummed into them. We will have to make better use of the ball than we did last weekend."

The announcement of New Zealand's team, four hours after Scotland's, created more of a stir. Glen Osborne, the North Harbour full back, has been ruled out by a "chronic" ankle injury and may well need an operation. However his replacement is Jeff Wilson, playing in his preferred position, which hardly weakens the New Zealand cause.

Marc Ellis's blistering, sixtry, performance against Japan made his selection on the right wing inevitable. In the pack, the veteran Richard Loe, back in favour after his suspension, is picked at loosehead prop ahead of Craig Dowd. Mike Brewer wins the place at left flanker.

SCOTLAND: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); C Joiner (Melrose), S Hastings (Watsonians), G Shiel (Melrose), K Logan (Stirling County); C Chalmers (Melrose), B Redpath (Melrose); D Hilton (Bath), K Milne (Heriots), P Wright (Boroughmuir), R Wainwright (West Hartlepool), D Cronin (Bourges), G Weir (Melrose), I Morrison (London Scottish), E Peters (Bath). Replacements: A Stanger (Hawick), I Jardine (Stirling County), D Patterson (West Hartlepool), S Campbell (Dundee HSFP), P Burnell (London Scottish), K McKenzie (Stirling County).

NEW ZEALAND: J Wilson (Otago); M Ellis (Otago), F Bunce (North Harbour), W Little (North Harbour), J Lomu (Counties); A Mehrtens (Canterbury), G Bachop (Canterbury); R Loe (Canterbury), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O Brown (Auckland), M Brewer (Canterbury), I Jones (North Harbour), R Brooke (Auckland), J Kronfeld (Otago), Z Brooke (Auckland). Replacements: E Rush (North Harbour), S Culhane (Southland), A Strachan (North Harbour), J Joseph (Otago), C Dowd (Auckland), N Hewitt (Hawke's Bay).

IN BRIEF

Davies takes halfway lead

LAURA DAVIES, of Great Britain, held Alison Nicholas, her Solheim Cup partner, at bay when she scored a second round of 67 to claim a halfway lead in the American Express Evian Masters golf tournament in France yesterday.

Wit a nine-under-par aggregate of 135, Davies lined up a Masters double by opening up a two-stroke advantage over Catrin Nilsmark, of Sweden, and Nicholas, who broke the course record with 66.

Nicholas scored four birdies in an outward run of 32 and then birdied the 13th hole, but she dropped a shot at the long 15th, before hitting a brilliant three-wood to eight feet for an eagle three at the last hole.

Bank's chance

Yachting: Jesper Bank, of Denmark, meets Thierry Pepponet, of France, in the final of the Vauxhall Lymington Cup match race championship today. Pepponet, the 1993 Lymington Cup winner, easily defeated Andy Beadsworth, the British hopeful, 3-0 in their semi-final yesterday, but Bank had a hard fight to defeat Ed Baird, the American skipper.

Rocket start

Basketball: Hakeem Olajuwon tipped in the winning basket with three-tenths of a second remaining in over-time to give the Houston Rockets a 120-118 victory over Orlando Magic in the opening game of the best-of-seven NBA championship series.

Nicol bows out

Squash: Peter Nicol, of Scotland, was overpowered by the brilliance of Rodney Eyles, of Australia, in the semi-finals of the Tournament of Champions in New York yesterday, going down 15-12, 17-15, 1-15, 15-13 in 72 minutes. Eyles meets Jansher Khan, the world champion, who beat Brett Martin 17-16, 15-1, 15-13.

World best

Athletics: Larisa Ramazanova, of Russia, set a women's 10km walk world record of 41min 29sec at the national championships in Izhevsk yesterday. She beat the previous mark by one second.

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Positive Morrison relishes all-or-nothing approach

Morrison: crucial

FROM MARK SOUSTER

IF SCOTLAND are to mount a serious challenge to New Zealand in their World Cup quarter-final, much will depend on the contribution of the back row of Iain Morrison, Rob Wainwright and Eric Peters. If they can prevent the All Blacks establishing a rhythm, Scotland have a chance.

Morrison's role, in particular, will be vital. The All Black conveyor belt has produced another talented generation of players, chief among them the stand-off half, Andrew Mehrtens, who resembles a young Grant Fox who can, additionally, run with the ball. It will fall to Morrison to subject the 22-year-old to the sort of pressure he has yet to experience in the Rugby World Cup.

At the age of 32, Morrison is the oldest of the former Cambridge University Blues who make up Scotland's back row, a player who wallowed in obscurity at London Scottish until the age of 29. Since then, injuries permitting — and they have been numerous, including a broken leg and arm — Morrison has been an automatic choice. This season, he, Wainwright and Peters have gelled into an efficient force, even if one enjoying its swan song, since Morrison has announced he is to retire after the World Cup.

When asked why, he, in his self-deprecating manner, replied: "Because it hurts now. At heart, I'm a lazy coward whose ideal day is to lie on the sofa with my kids [he has two boys, aged three and six months] watching cartoons." He also admits to other priorities, including career and family responsibilities, while the natural cycle of the World Cup and a desire to finish at the top have also been contributory factors.

While initially pleased with his performance against France, having studied the match video he believes Laurent Cabannes was more effective and that Scotland contributed to their own downfall through naivety and negative tactics. He and Scotland know that a safety-first game plan will not beat New Zealand.

"We have to do more than kick the ball in the air or kick it away because we don't know what to do with the ball," he said. "We should try and do what Ireland did, which is take the game to them. It's do or die and we have got nothing to lose. We will be heroes if we win, because Scotland have never beaten New Zealand, which I think is atrocious. Nobody outside the team feels we can win, so it'll be much easier to play rugby."

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Nincompoop Tendency provide test of tolerance

MICHAEL HENDERSON

At Headingley

There was a time, and not so long ago, when the Headingley crowd was considered the most knowledgeable in England. Although cricket continues to draw on a vast well of support and knowledge in these parts, nobody could now make such a claim with confidence. Indeed, there are days when one might easily support a counter-claim, that it houses some of the least intelligent people in the entire kingdom.

At three o'clock yesterday, as Atherton and Thorpe batted sensibly at a sensitive stage of the first Test match against West Indies, a man in a lion's suit bounded along the steps of the western terrace, took off his headpiece and, after pursuing a spectator for 20 yards, stuffed it on this stranger's head. The gentleman recovered his dignity and smiled the incident off, at which point the leonine clot returned to his seat, making an obscene gesture that was intended to belittle the object of his prank.

Jolly japes, or what? Viewed (or heard) from a distance, the escapades of the Nincompoop Tendency may be interpreted sympathetically. Darren Gough, who waved merrily to them from his seat on the players' dais, is clearly of this persuasion. Those who had to sit closer, and endure the shallow jests of the inebriated, the foghorn-voiced and the plain stupid, would not be so tolerant, even when allowances have been made for a day so foully interrupted by rain.

It took a particular degree of crassness to boo when Atherton and Thorpe accepted the umpires' offer of poor light. No more, though, than performing that absurd, attention-seeking wave or chanting, football-style, when anyone of intelligence should have been busy contemplating the cricket. Surely that is what they paid their money for?

We are supposed to delight in the new audiences that have come to Test cricket and, make no mistake, the character and composition of the Test-match crowd has changed significantly in the past ten years, not obviously for the better. Instead of the witty remark, we now get the coarse one. Whole rows resound to the barking of young men who watch winter games (well, one winter game) and fancy a summer day out.

People have always enjoyed a drink, and have sometimes been known to misbehave, but this self-advertisement — encouraged by television, which likes to peddle images of "the lads" — is a recent phenomenon. It belongs to football and pop concerts, where it can be dressed up as a secular communion for bewildered souls. Cricket, which is a game of *longeurs* and infinite variety, makes greater demands of those who watch it. It requires not "self-expression", but restraint.

"In England," Anthony Burgess wrote five years ago with the ears and eyes of the exile, "every perversion of grammar is now regarded as a victory for democracy." Only the other night, a Scottish writer was busy telling a television audience why he preferred to put four-letter words in his poems instead of standard English, which was far too repressive for a member of the working-class.

Equally, as we saw here, every assertion of the oafish, the thoughtless, the vulgar, is also passed off as a triumph for the common man, as if to say: this is how real people behave. Some of them do, yes, but one test of civility is to rise above the herd. Too many people at Headingley yesterday failed that test.

Nine-wicket haul helps to ease pain for Cork

By Ivo Tennant

DERBY (first day of four; Derbyshire won toss): Northamptonshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Derbyshire by 52 runs

TWENTY-THREE wickets fell at Derby yesterday, all of them taken by bowlers who could make the ball swing and move off a well-grassed pitch just about at will. Nobody perfected this better than Dominic Cork, who took nine for 43. It was poignant that he should do so on a day when a Test series started without his presence.

He so nearly took all ten. When Northamptonshire's last pair were together, Warren was dropped at first slip — a difficult chance, but one that Wells, the fielder, will long recall. Still, these were the best figures of a career which has promised more than has yet been achieved. If that sounds churlish, it should be remembered that Cork is only 23.

The word is that the pitch will not be reported, and yet it was evidently not prepared with a four-day match in mind. There was too much grass left on and the ball moved around all day. What made Cork so formidable was that he also swung the ball away from the right-hander.

The Derbyshire president and former captain, Guy Willatt, is sceptical as to whether a four-day pitch with a proper balance between bat and ball can ever be prepared in England. And yet there can be no purpose in playing a match over four days if the square is not tended with this in mind.

Had Malcolm and DeFreitas been playing, Cork might not even have had a bowl on what was the same pitch on which he took eight Essex wickets for 53 on his twentieth birthday. That was his previous best bowling. "Obviously there was some satisfaction in doing this while England were playing because I was disappointed not to be picked," Cork said.

"I think the selectors know I am a good bowler. It's a question of whether I am a good enough bowler to be picked without making runs. I want to become England's all-rounder." And to think that he was not even feeling well yesterday, for his baby son had woken him early in the morning.

In spite of all this, Northamptonshire still took a first-innings lead. Barnett went in the opening over and later recorded the first pair of his career. He had, hitherto, been the only Derbyshire cricketer to have made more than 300 first-class appearances without so doing. His opening partner, Dessaur, went in the next over, and the rest followed at a near-orderly rate.

Taylor finished with six wickets in the day, one of them taken through a brilliant catch by Penberthy from an authentic square drive by Cork. Indeed, the catching on both sides was of a high order. Rollins held an excellent one backward of square and Warner, not renowned for his ability in the deep, did particularly well to hold a top-edged hook off Curran.

This was the first of four wickets that Cork took without conceding a run in eight balls. The others were Rollins, playing round his front pad, Krikken, with a straight ball, and Aldred, taken at second slip through an away-swinger.

The last Derbyshire bowler to take ten wickets in an innings was Tommy Mitchell, in 1935. Cork, though, was generous enough not to blame Wells for that dropped catch. Besides, he will have another lengthy bowl today. Derbyshire, in their second innings, made progress of a sort after Barnett was out, waving airily at the first ball of the innings. It need hardly be said that every scampered single, every no ball conceded, will be of great significance today.

Cork: career best

JULIAN HERBERT

Connor using his new-found outswinger to effect at Basingstoke yesterday

Connor enjoys field day

By Pat Gibson

BASINGSTOKE (second day of four): Leicestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 31 runs ahead of Hampshire

THE first toast should be to Ben Smith, coupled with the name of Hansie Cronje, when around 600 guests settle down in the hospitality tents at May's Bounty today. If it had not been for them, Hampshire would have beaten Leicestershire by an innings inside two days, there would have been no cricket to watch and the marketing manager would have been suicidal.

Smith first came to the aid of the parties when Cardigan Connor, whose career was given a new lease of life last year when he suddenly discovered an outswinger, was threatening to run through Leicestershire on his own. At one stage, he had taken their first six wickets for nine runs, including a burst of three for nought in eight balls.

Connor spent years in the shadow of Malcolm Marshall but he came into his own in 1994 and yesterday morning, with Marshall looking on, the Leicestershire batsmen found him almost unplayable as he consistently moved the ball away. He accounted for Pierson, the nightwatchman, Whitaker, Wells and Cronje in rapid succession.

Leicestershire were 26 for six before Smith, who at last seems ready to fulfil the great expectations they have of him, showed what could be achieved. He resisted for 36 overs to finish unbeaten on 57 and, with staunch support from Millns and Mullally, lifted Leicestershire to 154.

They were still forced to follow on 165 runs behind and Connor was soon at it again, producing an exceptional ball to have Briers brilliantly caught at third slip by Udal and claiming Maddy leg-before. When Udal bowled Whitaker, flailing horribly across the line, and Wells, who was completing a pair in the space of four balls, Hampshire were heading for their third successive championship victory.

It was only then that Cronje brought a much needed touch of class to the batting and, with Smith carrying on where he had left off, they put on 105 in 29 overs to make sure that Hampshire would have to bat again. Then Connor came back to have Smith leg-before for 67 and bowl Cronje for 66 to complete the fifth ten-wicket haul of his career and leave Leicestershire close to defeat.

Crawley's quality confirmed by bold strokeplay

By Jack Bailey

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 378 for eight wickets against Glamorgan

JOY for Manchester Grammar School and Cambridge University, not to mention Lancashire, on both sides of the Pennines. Work was a great deal more congenial for John Crawley, facing the Glamorgan attack, than it was for Michael Atherton; altogether less demanding on a true pitch, but watching him score 182 you had the feeling that it may not be long before they are once again playing alongside each other for England.

This leaner, fitter edition of the Crawley who toured Australia last winter has apparently made some important adjustments to his technique. The bat is coming up and going down straighter. The ball is seeing its full face almost without fail and the result yesterday was a formidable blend of classical strokeplay and concentration which Glamorgan were powerless to counter.

Before he lifted a ball from Robert Croft and was caught in front of the sightscreen, Crawley had batted 5¼ hours. Quick to drive through extra cover and to pull or hook anything remotely short, he hit 25 fours in what was his highest innings at Old Trafford. He was seen at his best in mid-afternoon. Sparked by the aggressive instincts of Graham Lloyd, who made 50 from only 47 balls, Crawley scored 98 between lunch and tea. He and Lloyd put on 94 in 16 overs. It was controlled hitting and it was thrilling to watch.

Until then, Glamorgan's attempts at containment had not been unrewarded. Nick Speak, struggling for runs, could have done without being run out, though he had only himself to blame. Steve Barwick not only bowled economically but had Gallian taken at slip from the perfect arm-ball.

When Fairbrother spent 35 balls getting off the mark and was then caught in the gully, Lancashire were 132 for three and Glamorgan by no means out of the hunt. They came back, too, after Crawley's *tour de force*. As Lancashire tried to keep up the momentum, Croft, having trapped Lloyd with the first ball of a new spell, helped to prevent further mayhem in the evening.

Champions fall to Sussex seamers

By Rupert Cox

EDGBASTON (first day of four: Warwickshire won toss): Sussex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 207 runs behind Warwickshire

A MIDDLE-ORDER collapse saw the champions, Warwickshire, tumble from the relative security of 208 for four to 248 all out in a mere 16 overs yesterday. Sussex, left with an unpleasant 14 overs to negotiate before the close, reached 41 for the loss of Neil Lenham.

Warwickshire were indebted to the pugnacious contributions of Andy Moles and Trevor Penney as they staved off the threat imposed by the Sussex seam attack. Franklyn Stephenson, the 36-year-old West Indian, was the outstanding performer, bowling with controlled hostility to collect three for 35. Ed Giddins enhanced his growing reputation too, his control earning four wickets.

Moles, in spite of raps to the helmet, fingers and toes, was phlegmatic and assured in compiling 66 from 136 balls, including ten fours. It was the fifth time he had passed fifty in seven championship innings.

On a wicket green in the middle and bare at the ends, the suggestion was that whoever won the toss would field. However, Tim Munton, standing in as captain of Warwickshire after Dermot Reeve withdrew late with a rib injury, elected to bat.

Sussex anticipated little seam movement and they were right. Nonetheless, the ball did swing and with the abundant covering of grass there was some pace from short of a length.

A simple catch, dropped by Moores behind the wicket off Stephenson when Penney had made just two, cost Sussex dear. Warwickshire lacked depth without Reeve to stabilise their innings, but will be grateful to have Donald and Munton back to provide an extra edge to their bowling. Much will be expected of them today.

Lynch ignores crisis to inspire revival

By Geoffrey Wheeler

THOSE who wondered how much cricket Monte Lynch might have left in him when he ended an 18-year association with Surrey to join Gloucestershire during the winter need not have worried. Lynch made his second century for his new county yesterday while leading a notable recovery against Kent at Canterbury. Never one to let a crisis interfere with a determination to entertain, he went for his strokes as he picked up an innings that was in deep trouble at 42 for four.

Andrew Symonds, a young Australian of similar outlook, helped to add 114 for the fifth wicket and, when Lynch was sixth out at 198, having hit 15 fours in his 108, the lower order chipped in so effectively that Gloucestershire reached 321 despite the best efforts of Martin McCague and Dean Headley. The Kent new-ball pair both finished with five for 68, both completing 25 overs.

Durham could hardly believe their luck at Chelmsford, where Essex looked set for a mammoth score when they passed 200 with only one wicket down and with Graham Gooch and Mark Waugh both in the nineties.

Yet neither made a century. Gooch fell three short and Waugh was out for 95, two of the six wickets claimed during the day by the seam bowler, Alan Walker, playing only his second championship match of the season. With Hussain and Prichard also falling to Walker when well set, Essex finished at 339 for eight, their chief tormentor cherishing figures of six for 106 from his 31 overs.

Another batsman dimissed in the nineties was Paul Johnson, of Nottinghamshire, who scored 96 of his side's 277 for nine against Worcestershire at Trent Bridge. Damian D'Oliveira, recalled from second team banishment, took three of the wickets.

Mushtaq leads as bowlers seize day

By Simon Wilde

THE OVAL (first day of four: Surrey won toss): Somerset, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 147 runs behind Surrey

YESTERDAY'S cricket at the Oval changed course dramatically just before lunch. Surrey were 130 for one, with Ratcliffe and Shahid making hay against an innocuous-looking Somerset attack. An awesome first-day total looked on the cards.

Then Mushtaq Ahmed dismissed Shahid with a top-spinner. From then until the close of play, bowlers dominated in a way previously unimaginable. Surrey collapsed to 221 all out and Somerset, left to bat 23 overs, lost three wickets.

Anyone who turned up hoping to be dazzled by the strokeplay of Hollioake and Brown, or Lathwell and Trescothick, was sadly disappointed. The quartet mustered 40 runs between them.

Somerset's recovery owed much to Mushtaq, who, after a loose start, established complete control in bowling 32.1 overs unchanged from 12.20 until almost 5 o'clock. Measured from his first wicket, he took five for 22 from 25 overs.

He soon sorted out Ratcliffe, who must have been thinking that the gods were smiling on him in his first championship match for his new county. The former Warwickshire player was dropped twice — the second time by Mushtaq, who spilled a simple return catch — on his way to 70, the day's top score. In the end, he was out to a full toss.

Kerr partnered Mushtaq for the last 20 overs of the innings, exhibiting the pace and accuracy that had eluded him earlier. But Surrey had themselves largely to blame. Brown's suicidal run out, executed by Trump from first slip, typified their approach.

But for the sensible batting of Harden, Somerset would have ended the day in an even worse position.

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DERBY (first day of four: Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 52 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Warren b Taylor	0
W A Dessaur b Mallender	0
A S Rollins lbw b Penberthy	42
D J Cullinan b Curran	23
C M Wells c Fordham b Curran	7
D G Cork c Penberthy b Taylor	10
†K M Krikken b Taylor	0
P Aldred c Curran b Penberthy	0
A E Warner c Mallender b Curran	11
A C Cottam b Taylor	7
A J Harris not out	5
Extras (lb 7, w 1)	8
Total (39.3 overs)	113

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-52, 4-60, 5-86, 6-86, 7-86, 8-86, 9-101.

BOWLING: Taylor 13-6-23-4, Mallender 5-0-22-1, Capel 5-0-19-0, Curran 10.3-1-36-3, Penberthy 6-3-6-2

Second Innings

*K J Barnett c Warren b Taylor	0
W A Dessaur not out	22
A S Rollins c Warren b Taylor	8
D J Cullinan b Capel	25
A J Harris not out	0
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 2)	4
Total (3 wkts)	59

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-18, 3-59

BOWLING: Taylor 5-0-16-2, Mallender 5-1-17-0, Capel 4.4-1-16-1, Penberthy 1-0-5-0, Kumble 3-1-4-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R R Montgomerie b Cork	0
A Fordham lbw b Cork	0
R J Bailey c Wells b Cork	7
*A J Lamb lbw b Cork	37
†R J Warren not out	42
K M Curran c Warner b Cork	4
D J Capel c Aldred b Cork	0
A L Penberthy c Rollins b Cork	1
A Kumble c Aldred b Cork	0
N A Mallender lbw b Cork	11
J P Taylor b Aldred	2
Extras (lb 8, nb 8)	16
Total (43.3 overs)	120

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-3, 3-34, 4-57, 5-61, 6-61, 7-65, 8-65, 9-101.

BOWLING: Cork 22-5-43-9, Warner 16-2-57-0, Aldred 5.3-0-12-1

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4 Northamptonshire 4

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen

Essex v Durham

CHELMSFORD (first day of four: Essex won toss): Essex have scored 339 for eight wickets against Durham

ESSEX: First Innings

G A Gooch c Longley b Walker	97
D D J Robinson c Ligertwood b Brown	4
M E Waugh c Ligertwood b Walker	95
N Hussain lbw b Walker	66
*P J Prichard c Boiling b Walker	47
R C Irani c Morris b Blenkiron	6
†R J Rollins lbw b Walker	1
P M Such c Ligertwood b Walker	2
N A Derbyshire not out	5
D M Cousins not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 6)	12
Total (8 wkts, 111 overs)	339

J H Childs to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-202, 3-217, 4-315, 5-322, 6-326, 7-328, 8-331

BOWLING: Brown 25-5-66-1, Prabhakar 21-4-40-0, Walker 31-7-106-6, Cox 12-3-46-0, Boiling 18-4-68-0, Blenkiron 4-1-10-1.

DURHAM: *M A Roseberry, J I Longley, J E Morris, M Prabhakar, W Larkins, D A Blenkiron, †D G C Ligertwood, J Boiling, D M Cox, A Walker, S J E Brown

Bonus points: Essex 3 Durham 3

Umpires: A A Jones and K J Lyons.

Kent v Gloucestershire

CANTERBURY (first day of four: Gloucestershire won toss): Kent, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 308 runs behind Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright b Headley	4
G D Hodgson b McCague	4
M A Lynch c Marsh b Headley	108
R I Dawson c Cowdrey b Headley	8
M W Alleyne c Marsh b McCague	4
A Symonds b McCague	52
*†R C Russell b McCague	46
J Srinath b Headley	44
M C J Ball c Benson b McCague	16
M Davies not out	8
A M Smith b Headley	11
Extras (b 6, lb 8, nb 2)	16
Total (99.1 overs)	321

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-13, 3-29, 4-42, 5-156, 6-198, 7-276, 8-297, 9-302

BOWLING: McCague 25-5-68-5, Headley 25.1-8-68-5, Ealham 10-3-30-0, Patel 27-3-100-0, Herzberg 8-0-31-0, Fleming 4-1-10-0.

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward lbw b Srinath	6
*M R Benson not out	0
M M Patel not out	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total (1 wkt, 6 overs)	13

M A Ealham, P A de Silva, G R Cowdrey, M V Fleming, †S A Marsh, S Herzberg, M J McCague and D W Headley to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-8

BOWLING: Srinath 3-1-2-1, Smith 3-1-9-0

Bonus points: Kent 4 Gloucestershire 3

Umpires: B Leadbeater and K E Palmer

Lancashire v Glamorgan

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four: Lancashire won toss). Lancashire have scored 378 for eight wickets against Glamorgan

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian c Kendrick b Barwick	36
N J Speak run out	7
J P Crawley c sub b Croft	182
N H Fairbrother c Watkin b Barwick	14
G D Lloyd lbw b Croft	50
*M Watkinson c sub b Croft	44
Wasim Akram c Cottey b Dale	10
I D Austin run out	8
†W K Hegg not out	5
G Chapple not out	11
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 2)	11
Total (8 wkts, 110 overs)	378

G Keedy to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-84, 3-132, 4-226, 5-316, 6-350, 7-350, 8-363

BOWLING: Watkin 17-3-47-0, Anthony 15-2-62-0, Barwick 29-8-73-2, Croft 24-3-79-3, Dale 16-2-50-1, Kendrick 9-0-58-0

GLAMORGAN: A Dale, *H Morris, D L Hemp, M P Maynard, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, H A G Anthony, S R Barwick, N M Kendrick, †C P Metson, S L Watkin.

Bonus points: Lancashire 4 Glamorgan 3

Umpires: B Dudleston and J C Balderstone

Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four: Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 277 for nine wickets against Worcestershire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman c Moody b Haynes	9
*R T Robinson c and b Newport	40
G F Archer c Moody b Lampitt	9
P Johnson c Moody b Lampitt	96
C L Cairns st Rhodes b D'Oliveira	28
K P Evans b D'Oliveira	6
†W M Noon not out	42
J E Hindson c Weston b D'Oliveira	1
R A Pick lbw b Newport	15
M G Field-Buss lbw b Newport	2
J A Afford not out	10
Extras (lb 5, nb 16)	21
Total (9 wkts, 95 overs)	277

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-44, 3-101, 4-160, 5-172, 6-212, 7-215, 8-232, 9-236

BOWLING: Newport 23-5-54-3, Haynes 12-3-31-1, Lampitt 18-6-44-2, D'Oliveira 28-4-88-3, Leatherdale 1-0-10-0, Radford 10-2-38-0, Moody 3-0-7-0

WORCESTERSHIRE: *T S Curtis, W P C Weston, G R Haynes, T M Moody, D A Leatherdale, M J Church, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, D B D'Oliveira, P J Newport, N V Radford

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 2 Worcestershire 4

Umpires: P A White and A G T Whitehead.

Surrey v Somerset

THE OVAL (first day of four: Surrey won toss): Somerset, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 147 runs behind Surrey

SURREY: First Innings

J D Ratcliffe lbw b Mushtaq	70
M A Butcher c Turner b Ecclestone	29
N Shahid lbw b Mushtaq	26
A J Hollioake lbw b Rose	36
A D Brown run out	12
D M Ward c Lathwell b Mushtaq	13
A W Smith lbw b Kerr	9
†G J Kersey b Kerr	2
M P Bicknell lbw b Mushtaq	5
*A C S Pigott b Mushtaq	8
C G Rackemann not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 4)	10
Total (83.1 overs)	221

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-130, 3-135, 4-159, 5-189, 6-203, 7-205, 8-208, 9-212.

BOWLING: Rose 14-1-44-1; Kerr 16-5-47-2; Ecclestone 5-1-29-1; Hayhurst 8-3-15-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 32.1-16-54-5; Trump 8-2-26-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell lbw b Rackemann	2
M E Trescothick c Brown b Bicknell	0
P D Bowler c Kersey b Pigott	25
R J Harden not out	36
*A N Hayhurst not out	8
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (3 wkts, 23 overs)	74

S C Ecclestone, G D Rose, Mushtaq Ahmed, †R J Turner, H R J Trump and J I D Kerr to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-4, 3-50

BOWLING: Rackemann 6-0-22-1, Bicknell 6-3-27-1, Pigott 5-3-12-1, Shahid 3-1-5-0, Smith 2-1-2-0, Hollioake 1-0-5-0.

Bonus points: Surrey 2 Somerset 4

Umpires: J W Holder and T E Jesty

Warwickshire v Sussex

EDGBASTON (first day of four: Warwickshire won toss). Sussex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 207 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Moores b Stephenson	66
N V Knight b Stephenson	4
R G Twose b Stephenson	27
D P Ostler lbw b Giddins	31
T L Penney lbw b Giddins	51
D R Brown c Moores b Lewry	13
†K J Piper c Jarvis b Lewry	3
N M K Smith b Giddins	3
G C Small c Hall b Giddins	15
A A Donald run out	6
*T A Munton not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 14)	28
Total (90.4 overs)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-99, 3-114, 4-187, 5-208, 6-210, 7-219, 8-223, 9-241

BOWLING: Stephenson 15-6-35-3, Lewry 20-5-63-2, Giddins 26.4-7-59-4, Jarvis 16-3-47-0, Salisbury 13-4-30-0

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Donald	13
J W Hall not out	10
P W Jarvis not out	11
Extras (lb 1, nb 6)	7
Total (1 wkt, 14 overs)	41

K Newell, *A P Wells, K Greenfield, †P Moores, F D Stephenson, I D K Salisbury, J D Lewry and E S H Giddins to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-26

BOWLING: Donald 7-0-23-1, Small 4-0-12-0, Munton 3-1-5-0

Bonus points: Warwickshire 1 Sussex 4

Umpires: J D Bond and R Palmer

Hampshire v Leicestershire

BASINGSTOKE (second day of four): Leicestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, are 31 runs ahead of Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 319 (G W White 62, J P Stephenson 55, M C J Nicholas 50; G J Parsons 4 for 58)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

D L Maddy lbw b Connor	0
*N E Briers c Aymes b Connor	1
A R K Pierson b Connor	4
W J Cronje c Aymes b Connor	9
J J Whitaker b Connor	0
V J Wells c Terry b Connor	0
B F Smith not out	57
†P A Nixon lbw b Streak	17
G J Parsons b Streak	0
D J Millns lbw b Streak	30
A D Mullally c Aymes b Streak	14
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 15)	22
Total (48.3 overs)	154

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-2, 3-11, 4-11, 5-17, 6-26, 7-59, 8-59, 9-132

BOWLING: Connor 13-2-44-6, Bovill 14-3-48-0, Streak 9.3-1-44-4, Udal 6-3-5-0, Stephenson 6-2-7-0

Second Innings

D L Maddy lbw b Connor	14
*N E Briers c Udal b Connor	5
W J Cronje b Connor	66
J J Whitaker b Udal	11
V J Wells b Udal	0
B F Smith lbw b Connor	67
†P A Nixon not out	8
G J Parsons not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 12)	18
Total (6 wkts)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-50, 3-75, 4-75, 5-180, 6-185

BOWLING: Connor 18-7-67-4, Bovill 18-8-39-0, Udal 12-0-44-2, Streak 8-4-21-0, Stephenson 4-1-19-0

Bonus points: Hampshire 7 Leicestershire 4

Umpires: D R Shepherd and G Sharp.

BAIN HOGG TROPHY: Taunton: Somerset 271-8 (P C Holloway 96, J C Hallett 63); Worcester 177 (C M Tolley 102 not out; G R Sweeney 4-57). Somerset won by 94 runs.

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WORD-WATCHING

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PROPENSIVE

(c) Having an inclination, or literally hanging or leaning forward, from the Latin *propensus* tending forward. "He that doth know to what his inclinations are most naturally propensive, may thereby shun many inconveniences."

RHINEURYNTER

(b) An inflatable plastic bag for plugging the nose, from the Greek *ris*, *rin-* a nose + *eurunein* to broaden. "If you cannot stop that snivelling, Morag, go to Matron and ask her to fit you with a rhineurynter."

RUM-TUM

(b) A form of light racing-boat for one sculler, with outriggers and sliding seat, used on the lower Thames. The first was built and named at Putney around 1888. The rum-tum is shorter and broader than the gig and was originally an open boat, but is now canvassed in fore and aft.

PRIMERO

(b) A gambling card-game, very fashionable from about 1530 to 1640, in which four cards were dealt to each player, each card having thrice its ordinary value, altered from the Spanish *primera* feminine first. Sterne, *Tristram Shandy*, 1762: "How the holy man managed the affair, unless he spent the greatest part of his time in combing his whiskers, or playing at primero."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Rxb7+! Kxb7 2 Rxc7+! Kxc7 3 Qxa7+ Kc8 4 d6 and now 5 Qc7 mate can only be prevented by 4 ... Rxd6 when 5 Nxd6 is still mate.

Top seeds to contest French Open title as Sánchez Vicario triumphs

Graf resists spirited fightback to reach final

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS

THE women's final of the French Open will represent a summit meeting. Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the No 1 seed and holder, will be challenged by Steffi Graf, the second seed and three times the former champion. Whoever wins tomorrow afternoon will be the world No 1.

On the face of it, the pair, in exchanging the honour five times already this year, have established the first genuine rivalry since Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova were vying with each other 16 years ago. In reality, injury to one or the other has been a decisive factor.

Sánchez Vicario is famed for her physical endurance but doubts about Graf's back ailment persist. Should they both stay free of aches and pains, the closing of the women's championship should at least feature a semblance of quality. It has been largely abject *throughout the fortnight and* yesterday was no exception.

The semi-final between Graf and Conchita Martinez *was supposed to be the show*piece, a competitive illustration of the class which has been missing. Since they have each formed an aura of invincibility, something had to give, a record had to be broken.

Graf, absent at the start of the year and out of action for six weeks before arriving at Roland Garros, had played a mere 23 matches in 1995. Not only had she remained unbeaten but she had also failed to drop a single set.

Since losing to her at Delray Beach in the middle of March, Martinez had taken on a new coach, Carlos Kirmayr, and had not lost any of her 24 matches since. In spite of collecting four successive titles, however, she brought with her a damaging inferiority complex. In their 11 previous duels, she had won only once. Moreover, she had invariably gone down in straight sets and the sequence of indignities seemed certain to continue as she littered the *first three-quarters of an hour* with an array of elementary *mistakes on either flank.*

Managing to hold her serve only once in the first set, she conceded it within 30 minutes. Graf contributed to the improbably low standard, especially from her forehand which can be her greatest strength — or weakness. In the first 15 games, there were ten breaks of service.

At 4-1 in the second set, Graf was two games away from another crushing win. But the balance shifted in the following game, which included seven deuces and which Mar*tinez eventually won to haul* herself back into unlikely *contention.*

Nevertheless, at 5-4, Graf *stood within two points* of a comfortable triumph but she was broken and, with three characteristic forehand errors during the ensuing tiebreak, yielded her advantage.

As the tension grew, Martinez, having largely eradicated her needless errors, held three points to lead 4-3 in the final set but threw them all away. Graf, immediately established a lead and then served for a place in the final.

She still had to save two more break points, before, at the third attempt, claiming victory 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. During the two-and-a-half hours, she had committed 72 unforced errors and it was appropriate that *the last shot, by Martinez, should have conceded the point rather than have won it.*

The other semi-final was, as expected, a sideshow before the main event. Sánchez Vicario, the tenacious counter-puncher, reinforced her dominance over Kimiko Date, the ninth seed she has defeated seven successive times.

Date persisted in attacking, skimming flat shots over the net and, several times, with her left hand rather than with her natural right. She was responsible for almost all of the spectacular blows, but too few of the decisive ones.

Sánchez Vicario fell behind at the start of both sets, but as is her custom, wore down her opponent's patience with her powers of recovery. *She* went through 7-5, 6-3.

JACKY NAEGELEN

Graf, of Germany, on the attack during her semi-final match with the Spaniard, Martinez, yesterday

Victorious Bates stands firm

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT IS Beckenham, with a quarter-final place at stake, and Jeremy Bates is still keeping the crowd happy. Some traditions never die. Yesterday, he defeated Andrew Foster 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to reassure anyone who cared to watch that he is still the best Britain-born tennis player in the country.

However, one tradition that has died is Bates's annual appearance in the Davis Cup. Nothing will tempt Bates back, not even the persuasive arguments of David Lloyd. "I have a great deal of respect for David and I would have liked to have played under him as captain," Bates said yesterday, "but the decision is made. I have played it for the last ten years and there comes a point when you need to make changes."

There was a time when the changes seemed straightforward. Two years ago, Foster reached the fourth round at Wimbledon and the achievement was enough to signify a breakthrough for British tennis. That was then. Foster has never reached the same heights again and is now ranked No 320 in the world. Yesterday, however, he recalled the old days. Having discarded the first set, he flexed his muscles and began to serve with such venom that Bates was left reeling. A couple of double faults in the third set, however, helped Bates to resume control.

His next opponent is Petr Korda, the fourth seed, who beat Andrew Florent, from Australia, 6-0, 6-3. Andrew Richardson, too, will have his work cut out against Patrick Rafter, the No 2 seed, in the quarter-finals. Richardson beat his fellow Briton, Gary Henderson, 6-2, 7-6, to reach the last eight.

Latta may struggle to retain slender lead

VICKY LATTA, of New Zealand, winner of a team silver medal at the 1992 Olympic Games, led on her thoroughbred, Broadcast News, at the end of the first day of dressage at the Toyota Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Latta holds a slender 0.4-point lead ahead of three British riders in joint-second place — Anne-Marie Evans, on Dutch Treat, Sophie Newman, on McRaffles, and Emma Douglas Miller, on Making Cents.

Latta is still seeking her first British three-day event victory, despite success at Badminton on her top horse, Chief. That omission may not be remedied this weekend. Broadcast News, although 11, still has a lot to learn.

Evans, however, rates Dutch Treat — a ten-year-old son of Dutch Courage — as one of the best horses she has ridden since Justin Thyme, the horse on which she finished fifth at the 1986 world championship. She started riding him in January, since when she has finished in the top ten at Cornbury, Savernake and Ragley horse trials.

Newman, 24, who would have gone into the lead if McRaffles had not become unsettled during the canterwork, has little cause for optimism, however. Although third in the Young Riders in 1991, McRaffles broke his stifle the same year and has had a chequered career since.

If any of the leaders makes a mistake, Lucinda Murray, who is ninth, on Rodney Ward's fast cross-country mare, Lovell Lass, is likely to take advantage.

Brazil search for football equality

Andrew Longmore finds a team of familiar talents struggling to find some recognition

If living in the shadow of the men has long been a hindrance to women's football worldwide, the Brazilian team at the women's World Cup will know better than anyone what it means to live in perpetual darkness. "In Brazil, football is the last bastion of machismo," Ademar, the youthful manager of the Brazilian women's side, said. "The girls do not want to copy Romario or Bebeto, they want to establish their own characters, and that is very hard." They should get full marks for trying, though.

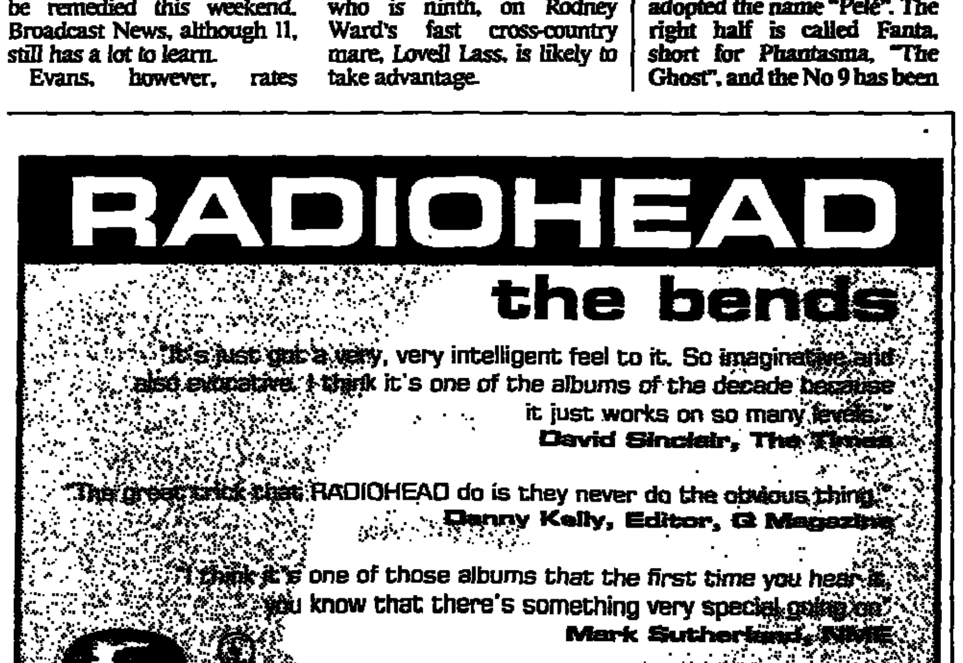
As a matter of convenience, the Brazilians have tended to use footballing pseudonyms, but the women have taken the nicknames a stage further than Edson Arantes de Nascimento did when he adopted the name "Pelé". The right half is called Fanta, short for Phantasma, "The Ghost", and the No 9 has been known as Michael Jackson ever since she turned up for an international wearing shades and displaying Jacko-like twinkling feet. She has answered to the name for the past ten years and wears it on her shirt, contravening, perhaps, Article 20, subsection 6 of the Fifa regulations, which state that letters should be 7½cm high.

Jackson's real name is Marileia dos Santos and she could yet become the star this tournament is looking for, but her disconsolate manner as Brazil lost their second game in group A 2-1 to Japan suggests that her imitation of Jacko extends to temperament as well. Like most of her colleagues in the face of Japan's perpetual motion, she lost heart as all the euphoria of the Brazilians' unexpected victory over Sweden in the opening match of the tournament evaporated on a grey evening in Karlstad.

That João Havelange, the president of Fifa, the world governing body, was in the crowd, would only have added to the disappointment of the Brazilians, who also threw away a chance of qualifying for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next summer, the prize on offer for the quarter-finalists here. They could still do so, but Germany, the European champions, who also need to win to ensure progress to the knockout stages, will prove a formidable obstacle tonight.

"If we qualify for the Olympics, it will open the doors for us, in terms of finding sponsors and getting recognition," Ademar said. "There are a lot of talented girls playing football, all with exactly the same feel and ability for the game as the boys, but we still have something against the idea of women playing football."

Nobody who saw flashes of the skill of Roseli, one of a trio of lightning-fast Brazilian strikers, could doubt the truth of Ademar's claims. Roseli learnt her football at home, playing with her brothers until, as she says with a bewitching smile, they refused to play any more because they could no longer get the ball off her. "She is a sweet, soft person," Ademar said, "but she is also a very serious athlete." Bred, no doubt, on the beaches and back streets that are the training grounds for girls no less than the boys.



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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 5 California 1; Cleveland 3 Detroit 2 (in 10); New York 6 Oakland 1; Seattle 10 Baltimore 2; Toronto 4 Chicago 3; Milwaukee 6 Minnesota 3; Texas 10 Kansas City 4.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 7 Cincinnati 3; Atlanta 4 Chicago 3; Florida 8 Houston 3; *Philadelphia 7 San Diego 1; Colorado 7 St* Louis 3; Los Angeles 7 Montreal 1; San Francisco 9 New York 8.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Championship series: Houston 120 Orlando 118 (OT) (Houston lead series 1-0).

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Old Trafford: Durham 315 (A A Barnett 7-75) and 164-5 dec (A A Barnett 4-49); Lancashire 146 and 218. Durham won by 115 runs. Southampton: Kent 269 and 159; Hampshire 277 and 152-5. Hampshire won by five wickets. Old Northamptonians: Somerset 301-9 dec (P C L Holloway 110) and 264 (A R Roberts 6-92); Northamptonshire 306-8 dec (M J Foster 114 not out) and 187. Somerset won by 72 runs.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): High Wycombe: Buckinghamshire 205-9 and 193 (L Potter 6-36); Staffordshire 186-8 and 116-5. Match drawn. Wisbech: Cambridgeshire 160 and 222; Norfolk 188-8 dec and 33-1. Match drawn.

CYCLING

DAUPHINÉ LIBÉRÉ: Fourth stage (205km, from Guilherand-Granges to Carpentras): 1, R Virenque (Fr) 5hr 7min 44sec; 2, A Mejia (Col); 3, M Indurain (Sp) same time. Overall: 1, Indurain 15:30:30; 2, C Boardman (GB) at 2min 21sec; 3 Y Aparicio (Sp) 3:39.
CITY CENTRE SERIES: Second round (Aberdeen, 25 miles): 1, R Holden (Ambrosia-Dynatech) 1hr 03min 04sec; 2, J Bayfield (Allendale RT) same time; 3, S Wingrave (Roberts Cycles) at 7sec; 4, J Tanner (Team Ulusoy) 10sec. Overall: 1, C Walker (Cycles Peugeot) 34pts; 2, Tanner 33; equal 3 Bayfield and G Holmes (Ambrosia-Dynatech) 32.

EQUESTRIANISM

BRAMHAM: International three-day event (*after first day of dressage*): 1, Broadcast News (V Latta, NZ) 50.2pts; equal 2, Dutch Treat (A-M Evans, GB), McRaffles (S Newman, GB) and Making Cents (E Douglas Miller, GB) 50.6.

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group one: Poland 5 Slovakia 0 (in Zabrze); Romania 2 Israel 1 (in Bucharest). Group two: Denmark 4 Cyprus 0 (in Copenhagen); Macedonia 0 Belgium 5 (in Skopje); Spain 1 Armenia 0 (in Seville). Group four: Lithuania 2 Slovenia 1 (in Vilnius). Group five: Belorussia 1 Holland 0 (in Minsk); Norway 2 *Malta 0 (in Oslo); Luxembourg 1 Czech* Republic 0 (in Luxembourg). Group six: Northern Ireland 1 Latvia 2 (in Belfast). Group seven: Wales 0 Georgia 1 (in Cardiff); Moldavia 2 Albania 3 (in Chisinau); Bulgaria 3 Germany 2 (in Sofia). Group eight: Faeroe Islands 0 Scotland 2 (in Torshavn); San Marino 0 Russia 7 (in San Marino).
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: England 4 Latvia 0 (at Turf Moor). Group two: Denmark 4 Cyprus 0 (in Copenhagen); Macedonia 3 Belgium 0 (in Kavadarci).
TOULON UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: France 1 Scotland 2 (at St Maxime); South Korea 0 Mexico 1 (at Arles).
WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (in Sweden): Group A: Japan 2 Brazil 1 (Helsingborg); Sweden 3 Germany 2 (Karlstad).
ITALIAN CUP: Final, first leg: *Juventus* 1 Parma 0 (in Turin).

GOLF

HAMBURG: Deutsche Bank Open: First-*round scores (GB and Ire unless stated)*: 67: B Langer (Ger). 68: J Spence, C Rocca (It). 69: M Lanner (Swe), P Baker, E Canonica (It), *I Garrido (Sp).* 70: G Orr, M McLean, S Struver (Ger), S Ames (Trin). 71: M Besanceney (Fr), M James, S Torrance, J Sandelin (Swe), R Claydon, P McGinley, O Sellberg (Swe), R Drummond, A Lebouc (Fr), M Litton, M Campbell (NZ), P Mitchell, D J Russell, F Lindgren (Swe), A Sherborne, S Luna (Sp), J Mellor, P Moloney (Aus), L White.
ROYAL LIVERPOOL: Amateur championship: *First round:* M Keeling (Bursledon) bt A Print (Northants County) 2 and 1; S Drummond (Hawkstone Park) bt B Dredge (Bryn Meadows) 1 hole; G Murphy (Kilkenny) bt S Sveinsson (Iceland) 3 and 1; J Sellberg (Swe) bt T Milford (The Ridge) 1 hole; D Howell (Broome Manor) bt G Evans (Ealing) 2 and 1; G Sherry (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt C Ravetto (Fr) 2 and 1; B Howard (Cochrane Castle) bt D Patrick (Mortonhall) 2 and 1; Y Taylor (Brynhill) bt C Edwards (Bath) 2 and 1; D Park (Burghill Valley) bt H McKibbin (Troon Welbeck) at 20th. *Second round:* M Wheelhouse (NZ) bt G Wolstenholme (Bristol and Clifton) 3 and 2; M Foster (Worksop) bt S Griffiths (Wentworth) 6 and 5; N Edwards (Whitchurch) bt P Murray (Tipperary) 1 hole; M Ellis (Wrexham) bt I Goroneskoul (Fr) 4 and 3; J Fanagan (Milltown) bt A Reid (Kilmarnock Barassie) at 19th; M Reynard (Moseley) bt B Dawson (SA) 2 and 1; L James (Broadstone) bt N Ulley (Nelson) 1 hole; D Downie (Ladybank) bt R Bland (Bramshott Hill) at 20th; M Blackey (Hayling) bt J Morris (Douglas) at 19th; M Searle (Lyme Regis) bt L Jackson (Fulford Heath) 3 and 2; B Howard (Cochrane Castle) bt Y Taylor (Brynhill) 6 and 5; R Beames (Wick) bt M Keeling (Bursledon) 1 hole; S Drummond (Shrewsbury) bt G Murphy (Kilkenny) 1 hole; J Sellberg (Swe) bt A Wall (Sunningdale) 1 hole; D Howell (Broome Manor) bt R Soper (Catterick Garrison) 2 and 1; G Sherry (Kilmarnock Barassie) bt D Park (Burghill Valley) 1 hole. *Third round:* Wheelhouse bt Edwards 3 and 2, Searle bt Blackey 5 and 4; Fanagan bt Foster 2 holes; Reynard bt Downie 2 and 1; James bt Ellis 3 and 2; Beames bt Drummond 1 hole; Howell bt Sellberg 4 and 3.
EVIAN, France: Evian women's masters tournament: Second-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 135: L Davies 68, 67. 137: A Nicholas 71, 66; C Nilsmark (Swe) 68, 69. 139: T Johnson 68, 71; Helen Wadsworth 67, 72.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Eastern Conference finals: Philadelphia 3 New *Jersey 2 (New Jersey lead series 2-1).*

RUBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: A International: Zimbabwe 13 Scotland 41 (in Mutare).

TENNIS

PARIS: French Open: Men's doubles: Quarter-finals: J Eltingh and P Haarhuis (Holl) bt Y Kafelnikov and A Olhovskiy (Russ) 6-7, 6-3, 12-10. Women's singles: Semi-finals: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Date (Japan) 7-5, 6-3; S Graf (Ger) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt J Halard and N Tauziat (Fr) 7-6, 7-6. *Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals:* J Hetherington (Can) and J de Jager (SA) bt B Schultz (Holl) and L Jensen (US) 6-4, 6-1. Semi-finals: L Neiland (Lat) and M Woodforde (Aus) bt G Fernandez (US) and C Suk (Cz) 6-4, 4-6, 12-10; Hetherington and De Jager (SA) bt R McQuillan and D MacPherson (Aus) 6-4, 6-1.
BECKENHAM: International Open: Men's singles: First round: P Korda (Cz) bt M Wyeth (GB) 6-0, 6-3; J Frana (Arg) bt N Borwick (Aus) 6-0, 6-2. Second round: S Stolle (Aus) bt P Wekesa (Ken) 6-0, 7-6; L Bale (SA) bt J Eagle (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; (4) P Korda (Cz) bt A Florent (Aus) 6-0, 6-3; A *Richardson (GB) bt G Henderson (GB) 6-2 7-6;* P Hand (GB) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-3, 6-4; J Bates (GB) bt A Foster (GB) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; J *Frana (Arg) bt D Sapsford (GB) 7-5, 6-1;* P Rafter (Aus) bt E Ferreira (SA) 6-3, 6-2. Women's singles: Second round: E Callens *(Bel) bt K Sharpe (Aus)* 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; S Drake-Brockman (Aus) bt P Shriver (US) 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; N Bradtke (Aus) bt M Tu (US) 6-3, 6-1. Quarter-finals: K-A Guse (Aus) bt S Drake-Brockman (Aus) 6-2, 1-6, 6-0; R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 2-6, 6-3, 6-1; E Callens (Bel) bt N Bradtke (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; T Krizan (Slovenia) bt D Van Rensburg (SA) 7-6, 6-2.

Found but still sought

Three Writers in Search of a Character. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*

The searchers are Charles Nicholl, Peter Whelan and Robin Chapman. What they are searching for is Christopher Marlowe, the 16th-century shoemaker's son who penned, inter alia, *Tamburlaine*, *The Jew of Malta* and *Doctor Faustus*, and died in a pub brawl over a bill. Actually, the three writers had no need to search for him: they had already found him. Nicholl's book, *The Reckoning*, took a forensic view of Marlowe, presenting him as a young hoodlum. Whelan's play, *The School of Night*, saw Marlowe as a dissident forerunner of Solzhenitsyn and Vaclav Havel. Chapman's novel, *Christopheros, found in Marlowe* traces of the intellectual arrogance of the playwright Joe Orton and the American film director Quentin Tarantino.

Are You Sitting Comfortably? *Radio 2, 7.00pm.*

A new series of the quiz game powered by nostalgia opens with a contest described by Don Maclean, the chairman, as "thrilling, but dim-witted". Assuming he is being serious, which I doubt, he is unduly dismissive about the witlessness. He has some trouble distinguishing gambit from gamut, and he slips up when quoting a famous catchphrase from Wilfred Pickles's *Have a Go*. He is sharp-witted when a panellist chides him for saying that *Jeremy Hanley is a former* Tory party chairman. "This programme isn't going out until next week," he retorts.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Dave Pearce **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** *Mark Goodier*, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat, and from **6.30** The Rhythm of Friday Night **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** *John Peel* **1.00am** The 1FM Rap Show with Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Chris Stuart **3.00** *Fifties after Three* **3.30** *Ed Stewart* **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Are You Sitting Comfortably?: See Choice **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Stanley Black **9.00** Listen to the Band: The career of Dr Denis Wright **10.00** Mal Pope with the Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** *The Breakfast Programme, incl at* **7.15** What About Us? **8.35** The Magazine **11.00** Chain Reaction **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.45pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **2.35** Living Off Crime; and at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** Nationwide, incl *at* **4.15** *Heroes and Villains and at* **6.15** Crime Update **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** American Graffiti **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra, incl at **11.15** Financial World Tonight **12.05am** After Hours, with Richard Evans **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee and Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe (MW: Off the Shelf **5.45** Folk) **6.00** Newsday **6.30** *Andy Kershaw* (MW: Europe Today) **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Nature's Teeth **8.00** News **8.15** On the Move **8.30** Science **9.00** News (MW: News in German) **9.10** *Words of Faith (MW: News in German)* **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.15** John Dunn **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** *Off the Shelf* **Noon** News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News (MW: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** *Sport* **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Faith (MW: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Music *Review* **6.00** News **6.15** Earth, Air, Fire and Water **6.30** World Today (MW: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW: News in German) **7.00** News **7.30** Politics **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** News **11.30** World Today **11.45** Farming **Midnight** News *12.10am Science View 12.15 John Peel* **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.30** Weeklies **1.45** Britain **2.00** News, Press **2.15** Seven Days **2.30** Jazz **2.45** Books **3.00** Newsday **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Vintage Chart

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** *Jamie Crick* **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Royal Overseas League music competition for young musicians final **10.00** Michael *Mappin* **1.00am** *Mark Griffiths*

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Maths: Methods of Integration **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: With Andrew McGregor. Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks); Weber (Overture: The Ruler of the Spirits); Françaix (Wind Quintet No 2); Brahms (Hungarian Dances Nos 1, 3 and 10); Puccini (Intermezzo, Manon Lescaut); Schumann (Six Concert Studies on Caprices by Paganini, Op 10)
9.00 Fairest Isle: Composers of the Week. William and Henry Lawes. Including *Cease, O cease ye jolly shepherds*, Henry Lawes's lament on his brother's death
9.45 *Musical Encounters:* *Artist of the Week*: Clara Haskil, piano. Beethoven (Violin Sonata in G, Op 30 No 3: Arthur Grumiaux, violin); **10.03** Rameau (Cinquième concert, Pièces de clavecin en concerts); **10.14** D'Indy *(String Sextet in B flat, Op 92)*; Bruckner (Virga Jesse); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll); Scarlatti (Three Sonatas: Clara Haskil, piano); **11.15** Vivaldi (Concerto in D: Chandos Baroque Players); Havergal Brian (Symphony *No 17)*; Bruckner (*Ave Maria* a 7); Schumann (Fantasiestücke, Op 73)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Concert Orchestra under *Barry Wordsworth (r)*
1.00pm Friday Chamber Music, live from Harewood Church, Harewood House, Leeds
2.00 Schools: The Song Tree: Music Course 1 — Melody Muddle's Music Machine **2.15** Together Stories **2.30** Dance Workshop **2.50** Poetry Corner
3.00 Mining the Archive: Susan Sharpe introduces a performance of Sebastian Forbes's *Death's Dominion* from the 1971 Aldeburgh Festival; plus string quartets by Britten and Arnold
4.20 Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century. Roy Hudd introduces the Crazy Gang
4.30 Songs of South East Asia: *Cambodia. Introduced by* John Thornley
5.00 The Music Machine: Dick Campbell introduces a Turkish Kurd wedding band
5.15 In Tune: Duruflé (Libera me, Requiem); Chopin (Polonaise in C minor, Op 40 No 2); *Respighi (Roman Festivals)*
7.45 Fairest Isle: Ulster Orchestra under Jan Latham-Koenig. Vincent Wallace (Overture: Lurline); Coleridge-Taylor (Violin Concerto in G minor); **8.30** Amateur Rules OK? Hilary Bracefield *reviews the musical* scene in Northern Ireland; **8.50** Moeran (Rhapsody in F sharp for piano and orchestra); Howard Ferguson *(Partita)*
9.45 Shades of Gray: The actor Spalding Gray talks about himself
10.00 Hear and Now: Introduced by Sarah Walker. London Sinfonietta under Markus Stenz. Thomas Adès (The *origin of the harp*); Andrew Daniels (Duende); Karen Markham (Whirligig); Keith Johnson (Honesty); Julian Anderson (Khorovod)
12.00-1.00am Gritty to Gershwin: Roy Strong presents the history of light opera (2/6) (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** *Yesterday in Parliament* **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: The actor Brian Blessed is the castaway (r)
9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; No Further Questions *(FM only)*: Nicholas Stewart, QC, looks at the inquiry into the death of *Maria Caldwell* in 1973
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only): Life in Roman Britain
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only *from 11.00): Introduced by* Alison Hilliard
11.00-7.00pm Test Match Special: England v West Indies
NB. The following are FM only until 7.00pm
11:30 The Natural History Programme from South Africa: Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper investigates what steps the Government should take to ensure public health **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One (FM and LW), with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Luck of Barry Lyndon. Part two of Thackeray's story of the rise and fall of an Irish rogue (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at the Biennale: Tim Marlowe reports from Venice where this year's official British entry in the *international* contemporary art fair is Leon Kossoff
4.45 Short Story: Dublin is Full of Married Men. Pauline McLynn reads Ivy Bannister's story *(r)*
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and *Charlie Lee-Potter* **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? From Kilmarnock *with Margaret* Ewing, MP, Parliamentary Leader of the SNP; Sheila Maclean, professor of Law and Medical Ethics at Glasgow University; Sir Michael Hirst, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Association; and Peter Mandelson, MP
8.50 Three Writers in Search of a Character: See Choice
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Tom Morris sees Balinese dancing (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 *Book at Bedtime:* The Legend of Golem. Eleanor Bron reads from *Body of Glass* by Marge Piercy (5/5)
11.00 Week Ending
11.25 Fourth Column: With Alistair Beaton and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.45am News incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

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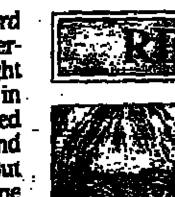
Confessions of one who gave up the search

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

A new Carla Lane sit-com sidled onto the scene last night. **Searching** turned up on ITV at half past nine, and in a rare insight into the tricks of my trade, I am willing to disclose that for the first time in my reviewing life, I made no notes, being transfixed by *Searching*'s weird emptiness, not to mention its wilful absence of jokes. My pen hovered over the notebook for a while, then doodled idly (suns, flowers, a princess on a pony), trailed off the page, then finally dropped to the floor. Reaching down to pick up the pen, I overbalanced and tumbled off the sofa onto a plate of left-over risotto, scattering empty beer cans. Once on the carpet, I had no will to recover myself. I lay on the cold rice and sighed, while an opportunist cat clambered on board.

But that's enough about me. *Searching* was dreadful, that's the point. It affected my will to live. It concerns a "voluntary therapy centre", run exclusively for women by a godly Prunella Scales, made to look silly with frizzy yellow hair and a big, bottle-green sweatshirt. Her clients, whose names I didn't always catch, suffer from a variety of complaints — one of them beats up men (why? *Because she hates them*); another sits permanently under an umbrella claiming "It wasn't me!", and a third (who is posh, with a husband called Eddington) has a compulsion to pull communication cords. Someone for each of us to identify with, then.

The idea, presumably, is that with divine help, Scales the psychiatrist-cum-gym-mistress will discover these women's underlying problems and either release them from their mental torment or at least confiscate their British Rail season tickets. But I suspect she'll be doing it without much viewer support. *Men Behaving Badly* is the beefy competition on BBC 1, and the British public has been wised up to the weasel word "bittersweet" for some considerable time. The best scene last night concerned a visiting hour, in which the man-hater was revealed to have a bullying father, and Eddington never turned up. But it's hard to forgive the earlier scene in which the women were discovered reading daily newspapers. The man-basher takes *The Guardian*, of course; and the posh bossy-boots takes *The Times*. Don't you just hate it when they do that?

Psychology was rife on the terrestrial channels last night. *The Mind Field* (Channel 4) was about lying, and how it is somehow very good for mental health (I will return to this); and **Inside Story** (BBC 1) was another in a disappointing series of soft, human-interest films, this time about three people suffering from post traumatic stress. Called *Survivors*, it gave us loads of distressing testimony from the affected people — a stabbed WPC; a survivor of an IRA ambush in Belfast; and a woman whose parents were brutally killed by her brother — but apart from making you feel very sorry for them, there wasn't much to it. Thirty minutes into the programme, we learnt that the three had volunteered for treatment; and then, before you knew it, whizz-bang, they had recovered.

The Mind Field was a style-conscious confection, evidently designed to banish the automatic connection between psychology and corduroy jackets with patches on the elbows. It is fronted by a handsome, Lennie Henry-lookalike doctor in expensive blue silks (Kwame McKenzie), who delivers his lines while striding between sheets of gauze; or speaks reflected in rippling indigo water. Yawn, yawn. Last night, however, *The Mind Field* did offer some good, memorable examples of lying in action — a Groucho Club poker game of hard-bitten literati (all bluffing like mad), and some frantically confused four-year-olds twisting on their chairs. Apparently we should forget the received wisdom about studying a liar's eyes; in experiments, people spot lies better when blindfolded.

What I didn't like, however, was the repeated idea that lying is normal and doesn't hurt anybody; that beating a polygraph test is a delightful game. "Some people say lying is wrong," said Dr McKenzie quickly, "but it's in our genes." Some people? Yes, you know, *weird people* — as in "Some people still wear vests".

The ongoing sagas of Thursday night now include **Castles** (BBC 1), of course. Out of the grey morass of the first two episodes, characters are gradually and timidly emerging, like the first creatures crawling from primordial soup. One day David Attenborough will make a programme about them. "Here the Matthew preens in the bright sun and takes its first independent breath"; "the Rachel practises its distinctive call"; "the Margaret wallows on the bank, sniffling".

Finally, it was a big night in **EastEnders** (BBC 1) — at least, for anyone fed up with the sexual harassment of Debbie at the bookies. Mr Dougan (Stan Chissick) has been so repellently attentive to Debbie over the past few weeks ("Don't you love me any more?") that I actually had a nightmare about him at the weekend. Last night Debbie made her stand. "You're a dirty old man who can't keep his hands to himself, and I've had enough." Meanwhile, Alan Jackson — whose patience with step-daughter Bianca surely qualifies him for canonisation — finally located the brat's better nature. Bianca said "You're a nice man, Alan", which was big of her.

Soap operas necessarily operate on a different time scheme from the rest of us, but Pat Butcher's two-week luxury cruise commenced at Easter and has never stopped. At the risk of sounding alarmist, what's going on? Two months later, David and Ricky are still threatening each other, "Wait till Pat gets home", but it sounds increasingly hollow.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (33267)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (90370915)

9.05 Day Out. Bob Langley, Victoria Studd and Mo Dutta visit Swansea (r) (s) (8949064) **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Gateaux d'aubergine (r) (s) (3247064)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (9055170) **10.05 Hospital Watch.** The first visit of the day to Addenbrooke's in Cambridge (s) (7555625) **10.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (1132286)

10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of the opening session of the second day's play in the first Test between England and the West Indies at Headingley (s). With **News** and weather at **12.00** (21862880) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (61748977)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (18967) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (35981625)

1.50 Cricket. Further coverage of the second day's play in the first Test between England and the West Indies at Headingley (s) (5842002). Continues on BBC2. **Wales:** Welsh Conservative Party conference (46590267) 3.40-4.10 Bread (3732606)

2.45 Bread. Carla Lane's comedy about a resourceful Liverpudlian family (r) (s) (878335) **3.15 Gourmet Ireland.** Paul and Jeanne Rankin with salad ideas (s) (875248)

3.45 Dinobabies (r) (1732426) **4.10 X-Men.** (Ceefax) (s) (4148083) **4.35 Round the Twist** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2240712)

5.00 Newsround. (Ceefax) (4200373) **5.10 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (3263996)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (449083)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (538)

6.30 Regional news magazines (118)

7.00 Hospital Watch (s) (4151)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on an operation on a paralysed man, enabling him to regain movement in his hands and fingers. (Ceefax) (s) (642)

8.00 Due South. Light-hearted drama series about a squeaky-clean Canadian Mountie working in wicked Chicago. (Ceefax) (s) (765151)

A kingfisher relaxes with its meal (8.45pm)

8.45 Hotshots. (Ceefax) (s) (532248)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6354)

9.30 999. Michael Buerk with more reconstructions from the casebooks of Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (961915)

10.25 Hospital Watch (s) (310354)

10.55 FILM: No Man's Land (1987) starring Charlie Sheen. Thriller about a young policeman investigating a stolen car ring. Directed by Peter Werner. (Ceefax) (s) (72145880)

12.40am Hospital Watch (s) (6405923)

12.50 FILM: Blood of Dracula (1957, b/w) starring Sandra Harrison, Louise Lewis and Gail Ganley. A young woman is placed under the spell of a chemistry teacher who commands her to commit a series of murders. Directed by Herbert L. Strock (5225300) **1.55 Weather** (6189720)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Plants — Designs for Living (8756731) **6.45** The Founding of the Royal Society (9053489) **7.10** Social Problems and Social Welfare (9199608) **7.35** Child Development: Musical Prodigies? (5173151)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8917083)

8.15 For the Love of It. Derek and Mary Manning spend their retirement on industrial archaeology (r) (7101083) **8.20 Biking Butler.** Tony Butler cycles through Shropshire (r) (7686967) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (2044489)

9.00 Daytime on Two, Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2066489) **2.00-2.10** Joshua Jones (69675335)

2.15 Where the Curlew Calls. Springtime in the North Yorkshire Dales (877606)

2.45 Cricket and Tennis. Live coverage of the second day's play in the first Test between England and the West Indies at Headingley (s); and the men's singles semi-finals of the French Open in Paris (65771373)

7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years — The Eighties. The headlines and hits of 1986 — the year of Chernobyl and the bombing of Libya by the United States. Among the musical memories are numbers by Run DMC, the Pet Shop Boys and the Housemartins (r). (Ceefax) (s) (644)

8.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1441)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Includes Geoff Hamilton on a visit to the National Trust garden at Bodnant in North Wales. (Ceefax) (s) (7248)

9.00 Rab C. Nesbitt. More wit and wisdom from the string-vested philosopher (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4996)

Mortimer and Reeves and friends (9.30pm)

9.30 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Vic and Bob with the last in their comedy series. They are joined by Mark Williams and Paul Whitehouse. (Ceefax) (s) (68267)

10.00 Have I Got News for You. For the last in the series Angus Deayton, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Spike Milligan and Andrew Neil (s) (30996)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (518267)

11.15 The Vibe. Black music quiz chaired by Lisa I'Anson (s) (133809)

11.45 Cricket. Highlights of the second day's play in the first Test between England and the West Indies at Headingley (s) (187606)

12.25am Weather (2031294)

12.30 FILM: Weekend (1967) starring Mireille Darc and Jean Yanne. A drama about an odious couple on a visit to the woman's mother in search of an inheritance. Directed by Jean-Luc Godard. In French with English subtitles. (183855). Ends 2.10

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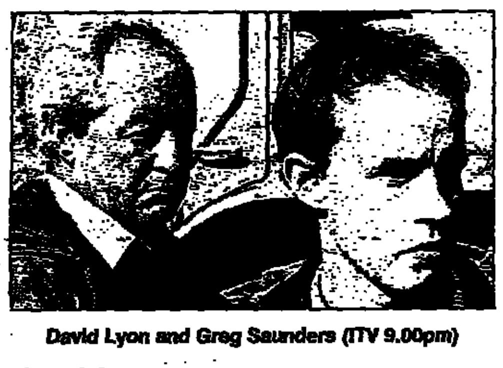
Hotshots
BBC1, 8.45pm

Wildlife films are one of the glories of television and with respect to the likes of Sir David Attenborough much of the credit belongs to the camerawork. Simon King's series lets us into the secrets of how apparently impossible footage is secured. Photographing the kingfisher presents particular challenges, partly because it flies so quickly but also because it builds its nest well away from prying human eyes. On top of that, it dives under water to catch fish. King shows how, with ingenuity, lots of patience and the wonders of technology, all these difficulties can be overcome. Knowing how the tricks are done does not, happily, spoil the illusion. On the contrary it increases respect for the maestro behind the lens.

The World of Lee Evans
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The jug-eared comedian fills his half-hour with just one comic sketch this time and once more his inspiration seems to be largely drawn from the silent cinema. Visual humour dominates and dialogue is kept to a minimum. Mr Bean also springs to mind as the Evans character develops as a cack-handed simpleton who cannot walk two feet without tripping himself up. Tonight's playlet takes place almost entirely in a railway sleeper compartment between London and Scotland, shared by Evans and his girlfriend. To keep the jokes flowing in such a confined space is a challenge met with commendable invention, though admiration is tempered by irritation at gags stretched beyond their useful life.



David Lyon and Greg Saunders (ITV 9.00pm)

The Chief
ITV, 9.00pm

The East Anglian police drama may be departing steadily further from reality, but it continues to offer highly watchable fare. While piling even more woe on the hapless Chief Constable Cade (Martin Shaw), Susan Wilkins's script offers two stories of harassment which neatly happen to develop at the same time. The police are accused of persecuting an art dealer, suspected of a homosexual affair with an under-age councillor's son (Greg Saunders). The councillor (David Lyon) sees things differently. Meanwhile, the loutish DI Boyd is pressing his unwanted attentions on a woman colleague. Cade's troubles increase as the local MP becomes Home Secretary, determined to put an end to his wishy-washy liberal ideas.

Surgical Spirit
ITV, 8.30pm

Fears that the jolly hospital comedy was running out of ideas are being happily dispelled. Graeme Garden, doubly qualified as a professional funnyman as well as a trained doctor, is the author of tonight's episode in which Hope-Wynne's wife leaves him. A running joke of the series is that Mrs Hope-Wynne, like the unseen Mrs Mainwaring in *Dad's Army*, is not the easiest of women. So her departure is not entirely a matter for regret, particularly when the abandoned consultant soon engages a glamorous housekeeper. A relishable old buffer given splendid substance by the actor David Conville, Hope-Wynne tends to be an under-used character. It is good to see him taking centre stage and it should happen more often. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (7474793)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Quiz show hosted by Bob Mills (s) (2432480)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (2043538)

10.00 Step by Step. American domestic comedy starring Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Somers (r) (s) (88170)

10.30 This Morning. Weekday magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (61151644)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) and weather (1835996)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (2397489)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (2365880)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (25234880)

1.55 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (35979880)

2.20 Just a Minute. Nicholas Parsons challenges guests to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition. Tony Blackburn and Richard Vranch join regulars Tony Slattery and Dale Winton (s) (12229083)

2.50 High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands. (Teletext) (6965915)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (3775286)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) and weather (3774557)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (1100064) **3.45 Molly's Gang** (s) (4239462) **3.55 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (2119002) **4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop** (Teletext) (s) (4132422) **4.40 Delicious** (s) (8988880)

5.10 After 5 with Lorraine Kelly (Teletext) (7283083)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (427996)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (976793)

6.25 London Tonight (Teletext)(473083)

7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse hosts the popular quiz game. Guests include Henry Cooper, Gareth Hunt, Wolf and Cheryl Baker (s) (9847)

7.30 Coronation Street. A day of upsets for Vera and Betty (Teletext) (170)

Alan Westaway searches for a biker (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Water Wings. PC Slater (Alan Westaway) investigates a missing Hell's Angel. (Teletext) (5267)

8.30 Surgical Spirit (Teletext) (7002)

9.00 The Chief. (Teletext) (s) (1538)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (27422)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (264064)

10.40 Rugby World Cup 1995. Preview of the weekend's quarter-final matches (601593)

11.10 Richard Littlejohn - Live and Uncut (s) (817625)

12.40am Aussie Candid Camera introduced by Tony Murphy (6274497)

1.05 The James Whale Show (s) (2200923)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (7534229)

3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (64334126)

3.25 Noisy Mothers (s) (5875519)

4.30 The New Music. Includes a visit to the 25th Earth Day festival in Toronto (17126)

5.30 ITN Morning News (96652). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures Of T-Rex (r) (9024977)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (26828)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (44199)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (980080) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (9805335) **10.00** Irish Writers (2051557) **10.25** Eurokids (9673557) **10.40** Off Limits (3302644) **11.05** Schools at Work (2390538) **11.11** Time for Maths (3345170) **11.22** Stage One (3332606) **11.40** Co Sinn is Carson (9334880)

12.00 Profiles Of Nature. A wildlife documentary about North America's largest land mammal — the bison (r) (24335)

12.30 Sesame Street. The guests are Kevin Kline and Phoebe Cates (r) (93606) **1.30 The Magic Roundabout** followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) (65170)

2.00 Channel 4 Racing From Epsom. On the first day of the Derby meeting Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the **2.10, 2.45, 3.15** (Vodaphone Diomed Stakes) and **4.00** (Vodaphone Oaks) races (s) (285489)

4.30 Fifteen To One. (Teletext) (s) (593)

5.00 The Wild West: The War for the Black Hills (r). (Teletext) (s) (9460)

6.00 Blossom. Los Angeles-based teen comedy. (Teletext) (s) (248)

6.30 Happy Days (r). (Teletext) (694712)

6.55 Terrytoons featuring Lariat Sam (293267)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Includes headlines and weather at **7.30** (604286)

7.55 Power and the People. Sheena McDonald reports on the start of a political exercise to see how the British public might vote on Britain's future in Europe (519002)

8.00 Derby Preview from Epsom. Lesley Graham looks forward to tomorrow's Derby, run on a Saturday for the first time since 1953. (Teletext) (s) (3809)

8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5644)

9.00 The World Of Lee Evans. (Teletext) (s) (9064)

9.30 Friends. Comedy series about six single New Yorker friends. (Teletext) (s) (53335)

10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy. (Teletext) (s) (25064)

10.30 Drop the Dead Donkey. A repeat of the award-winning comedy series (r). (Teletext) (s) (884712)

11.05 Eurotrash. Sleaze magazine presented by Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes (s) (478335). Followed by **Beastly Beahaviour: Honey Bee.** Animation

Peter Cushing hunts a werewolf (11.40pm)

11.40 FILM: The Beast Must Die (1974) starring Calvin Lockhart, Peter Cushing and Charles Gray. Thriller about a millionaire who invites a disparate collection of guests to his lodge for a bizarre hunting weekend. Directed by Paul Annett (584731)

1.20 FILM: Curse of the Wraydons (1946, b/w) starring Tod Slaughter. A melodrama about an unhinged former Napoleonic spy who returns to England and begins disposing of his hated brother and his family. Directed by Victor M. Grover (619836). Ends at **3.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (2043538) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (1835996) 12.55 Coronation Street (2365880) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (25234880) 2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (2884267) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (3774557) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7283083) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (473083) 10.30 Anglia News (264064) 10.40-11.40 The Warehouse (251335) 12.10am The Chart Show (5290585) 1.10 The James Whale Show (2592749) 2.05 Noisy Mothers (7442294) 3.05 Cue the Music (5604038) 4.00 The Album Show (1049720) 4.50 Phenomena (87714213) 5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (51126)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2043538) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (1835996) 2.20-3.20 Father Dowling Investigates (2884267) 3.25-3.30 Central News (3774557) 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (7283083) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (473083) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (264064) 11.10 The Calendar Girl Murders (698248) 12.55am Profile (6591774) 4.25 Jobfinder (1059107) 5.20 Asian Eye (5478749)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2043538) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (1835996) 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (2365880) 1.25 Home and Away (28163354) 1.50 Blue Heelers (5828422) 2.50-3.20 Travel Trails (6965915) 3.25-3.30 Granada News (3774557) 5.10-5.40 High Road (7283083) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (473083) 10.30-10.40 Granada News (264064) 11.10 The Fourth War (698248) 12.55am Get Stuffed (6591774) 1.05 The James Whale Show (2200923) 2.05 The Chart Show (7534229) 3.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (64334126) 3.25 Noisy Mothers (5875519) 4.30 The New Music (17126)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (2043538) 12.20pm-12.30 HTV West News and Weather (1835996) 12.55 Coronation Street (2365880) 1.25 Home and Away (25234880) 1.55 High Road (64186880) 2.25-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (579*267) 3.25-3.30 HTV West Headlines (3774557) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (7283083) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (288) 10.30 HTV West News and Weather (264064) 10.40 Something Strange (601593) 11.10 Rugby World Cup 1995 (636625) 11.40 Hunter (746712) 12.35am Eye TV (2123229)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (288) 10.40 Rugby World Cup 1995 (601593) 11.10 Cast a Deadly Spell (365373)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2365880) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (25234880) 2.20-2.50 An Invitation to Remember (12229083) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7283083) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (50248) 11.10 Phoenix (884847) 12.10am The Chart Show (5290585) 1.10 The James Whale Show (2592749) 2.05 Noisy Mothers (7442294) 3.05 Cue the Music (5604038) 4.00 The Album Show (1049720) 4.50 Phenomena (87714213) 5.00 Freescreen (51126)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (2365880) 1.25 Home and Away (25234880) 1.55-3.25 Murder, She Wrote (5827793) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7283083) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (50248) 11.10 Best Defense (365373)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (2043538) 12.20pm-12.30 Calendar News and Weather (1835996) 12.55 Coronation Street (2365880) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (25234880) 2.20-3.10 Murder, She Wrote (5701844) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7283083) 5.55 Calendar (599480) 6.30-7.00 The Fashion Show (288) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (264064) 11.10 Shuttered Room (628354) 1.00am The James Whale Show (30788) 2.00 The Big E (7535958) 2.55 The Beat (1133107) 3.50 Shift (9070942) 4.40 Profile (71143497) 5.00 Sportsworld (51126)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (26828) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (44199) 9.30 Ysgolion (369915) 12.00pm Sesame Street (52606) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (28915) 1.30 The Five Mrs Buchanans (84109731) 1.55 Channel 4 Racing From Epsom (59199480) 4.30 Cynhadledd Y Ceidwadwyr (90712) 5.30 5 Pump. Uned 5 (335) 6.00 Newyddion (330877) 6.15 Heno (121118) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (7489) 7.30 Gorau Gwlad (712) 8.00 Trysfon Cwm Deiaid (3809) 8.30 Newyddion (5644) 9.00 Clasur (9064) 9.30 The World Of Lee Evans (53335) 10.00 Brookside (25064) 10.30 Drop The Dead Donkey (884712) 11.05 Derby Preview from Epsom (637986) 11.35 Eurotrash (228064) 12.05am Beastly Behaviour (8450958) 12.10 The Ox-bow Incident (8772045)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (78002) 8.00 Power Rangers (81544) 8.30 Blockbusters (80915) 9.00 Oprah Winfrey (14844) 10.00 Concentration (13880) 10.30 Card Sharks (60151) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (61915) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (84731) 12.30pm Designing Women (58147) 1.00 The Waltons (98422) 2.00 Matlock (21809) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (21809) 3.50 DJ Kat Show (21809) 4.30 Power Rangers (4809) 5.00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (3828) 6.00 Spellbound (6002) 6.30 Family Ties (6354) 7.00 Rescue (4557) 7.30 M*A*S*H (5538) 8.00 Who Do You Do? (7967) 8.30 Code 3 (2712) 9.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (55731) 10.00 Quantum Leap (65118) 11.00 David Letterman (768977) 11.50 LA Law (377267) 12.45am The Untouchables (377267) 1.30 In Living Color (44497) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix (44497)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (25403) 9.30 Sky Worldwide Report (71557) 10.30 ABC Nightline (69793) 11.00 World News and Business (69557) 1.30pm CBS News This Morning (24538) 2.30 Parliament (96915) 3.30 This Week in The Lords (6880) 4.00 World News and Business (17083) 5.00 Live at Five (17083) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (379064) 7.30 The O.J. Simpson Trial (25557) 9.30 O.J. Simpson Talkback (11373) 11.30 CBS Evening News (17606) 12.30am ABC World News Tonight (44213) 1.10 Richard Littlejohn Replay (44213) 2.30 Parliament Replay (99381) 3.30 This Week in The Lords (66346) 4.30 CBS Evening News (99316) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (45942)

SKY MOVIES
6.10am Showcase (44497) 10.00 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (1966) (14703) 12.00 The Film Flam Man (1967) (28712) 2.00 Kiss Me Goodbye (1982) (49170) 4.00 The Pirate Movie (1982) (49170) 6.55 The News Boys (1992) (49170) 8.00 Sudden Fury (1993) (49170) 9.40 US Top Ten (227170) 10.00 Cliffhanger (1993) (281712) 11.55 Out for Justice (1991) (182422) 1.30am House 3 (1989) (88836) 3.00 Salt and Pepper (1968) (579565) 4.40-6.00 The Pirate Movie (1982). As 4pm (579565)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Baby Talk (3489) 2.30 Murphy Brown (4083) 3.00 Falcon Crest (98896) 4.00 Carousel (1956) (98896) 6.10 Baby Boom (1987) (98896) 8.00 Canyon Passage (1946) (11335) 10.00 The Gauntlet (1977) (735083) 11.50-2.00am Dirty Harry (1971) (735083)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Colt .45 (1950) 7.15 Thumbelina: Cartoon 8.10 The Haunted School (1986) 10.00 George White's Scandals (1945) (36925) 12.00 The Concierge (1993) (955606) 1.50pm Goodbye Again (1961) (955606) 3.55 The Haunted School (1986) As 8.10am (892267) 5.35 Jaws 2 (1978) (892267) 7.30 The Movie Show (8248) 8.00 The Concierge (1993): As noon (39793) 10.00 Shattered Trust (1993) (800996) 11.35 Mo' Money (1992) (371660) 1.05am Flight from Justice (1993) (333519) 2.40 Love and Desire (1993) (333519) 4.00-6.00 Spencer's Mountain (1963) (20328)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

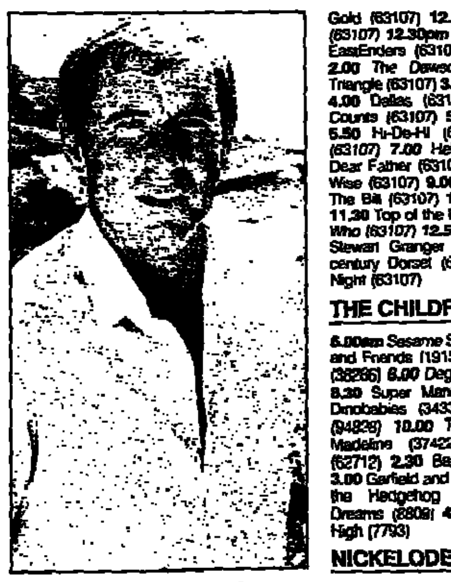
SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Wrestling Federation Action Zone (43335) 8.00 World of Rugby Union (16915) 8.30 The Pavilion End (53880) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (24422) 10.00 World of Speed and Beauty (73286) 10.30 Trans World Sport (91847) 11.30 International Challenge Football: England v Sweden (39644) 1.30pm Beckenham Open Tennis, Live (39644) 6.00 World of Rugby Union (6248) 6.30 World Soccer Magazine (4668) 7.00 The Winning Post, Live from Goodwood and Haydock Park (24642) 9.00 Ringside Boxing (43422) 10.30 Australian Rugby League (89793) 12.30am Gillette World Sport Special (47836) 1.00 End Zone (89687) 2.00-4.30 NBA Basketball Final, Live (429251)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00am End Zone (48749) 7.00 Trans World Sports (48749) 8.00 International Cricket Highlights (48749) 10.00 Tennis Highlights (48749) 11.30-12.00 Mountain Bikes (48749)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Speedworld (65373) 9.00 Athletics (78731) 11.00 Live Tennis (78731) 6.00pm Live Formula 1 (38825) 7.00 News (8151) 7.30 International Motorsports (34915) 8.30 Truck Racing (3606) 9.00 Tennis (93915) 10.00 Formula 1 (96002) 11.00 Karting (97354) 12.00-12.30am News (77565)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (45942) 8.30 Peyton Place (45942) 9.00 As the World Turns (45942) 10.00 Guiding Light (45942) 11.00-12.00 Another World (8829921)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (45942) 12.30pm Boomerang (45942) 1.00 Great Sports Vacations (45942) 1.30 The Spice of Life (45942) 2.00 Ticket to Paradise (45942) 2.30 On Top of the World (45942) 3.00 Australia (45942) 4.00 Sky Travel Guide Review (45942) 4.30 Wide World of Kids (45942) 5.00 Ticket to Paradise (45942) 5.30-6.00 Around the World in 30 Minutes (45942)



John Nettles stars in *Bergerac* (UK Gold, 9.30am)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (45942) 9.30 Simply Delicious Fish (45942) 10.00 Gardens Without Borders (45942) 10.30 Men in a Woman's World (45942) 11.00 Only Human (45942) 12.00 Life is for Living (45942) 12.30pm Adopting Olya (45942) 1.00 Simply Delicious (45942) 1.30 The Joy of Painting (45942) 2.00 Heaven Must Wait (45942) 3.00 Gardens Without Borders (45942) 3.30-4.00 Local Heroes (45942)

UK GOLD
7.00am Great Expectations (63107) 7.30 Neighbours (63107) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (63107) 8.30 EastEnders (63107) 9.00 The Bill (63107) 9.30 Bergerac (63107) 10.30 Casualty (63107) 11.35 Going for Gold (63107) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (63107) 12.30pm Neighbours (63107) 1.00 EastEnders (63107) 1.30 The Bill (63107) 2.00 The Dawson Watch (63107) 2.30 Triangle (63107) 3.00 Knots Landing (63107) 4.00 Dallas (63107) 5.00 Every Second Counts (63107) 5.35 Dick Emery (63107) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (63107) 6.30 EastEnders (63107) 7.00 Help! (63107) 7.30 Father, Dear Father (63107) 8.00 Morecambe and Wise (63107) 9.00 Casualty (63107) 10.00 The Bill (63107) 10.30 Miami Vice (63107) 11.30 Top of the Pops (63107) 12.20am Dr Who (63107) 12.50 FILM: Moonfleet (1955): Stewart Granger as a smuggler in 18th-century Dorset (63107) 2.25 Shopping at Night (63107)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (57809) 7.00 Casper and Friends (19151) 7.30 Creepy Crawlers (34335) 8.00 Degrassi Junior High (34335) 8.30 Super Mario Brothers (34335) 8.45 Dinobabies (34335) 9.00 Sesame Street (94828) 10.00 Tiny TCC (62606) 12.00 Madeline (37422) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (62712) 2.30 Barney and Friends (7557) 3.00 Garfield and Friends (8170) 3.30 Sonic the Hedgehog (2002) 4.00 California Dreams (8809) 4.30-5.00 Degrassi Junior High (7793)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! Including Deep Sea Dick (38132) 7.15 The Magic School Bus (600996) 7.45 Rugrats (609267) 8.15 Doug (785151) 8.45 Nickalive! (785151) 9.00 Nick Junior (404847) 12.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (17644) 12.30pm Mission Top Secret (26880) 1.00 School of the Week (63151) 1.30 Dungeons and Dragons (25151) 2.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks (7808) 2.30 Guts (6489) 3.00 The Magic School Bus (9644) 3.30 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (8606) 4.00 The Secret World of Alex Mack (9511) 4.30 Rugrats (6625) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (1489) 5.30 Pete and Pete (7977) 6.00 Doug (7118) 6.30-7.00 Odyssey (1170)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Wildside (38132) 5.00 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious Universe (38132) 5.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World (38132) 6.00 Invention (38132) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (38132) 7.30 Lifeboat (38132) 8.00 Mysteries (38132) 9.00 Arabia — Sand, Sea and Sky (38132) 10.00 Skybound (38132) 10.30 Invention (38132) 11.00-12.00 Watching the Detectives (38132)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Small Voice (1948): Psychological thriller with Valerie Hobson (38132) 1.30pm The Mothers-in-Law (38132) 2.00 The Avengers (38132) 3.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood (38132) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (38132) 4.00 FILM: Monterey Pop (1969): Director D.A. Pennebaker's document of the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival in California (38132) 5.30 Drama Classics (38132) 6.00 Death Valley Days (38132) 6.30 The Wild Wild West (38132) 7.30 The Adventures of Robin Hood (38132) 8.00 The Avengers (38132) 9.00 Man in a Suitcase (38132) 10.00-12.00 FILM: Joseph Andrews (1977) Bawdy period comedy with Ann-Margret and Peter Firth (38132)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (1165) 7.00 Living Magazine (1165) 9.00 Gardenwise (1165) 9.30 Kate and Allie (1165) 10.05 The Calendar Fashion Show (1165) 10.35 The Susan Powter Show (1165) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (1165) 11.55 The Simple Programme (1165) 12.00 Kilroy (1165) 12.55pm Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (1165) 1.30 The New Mr and Mrs Show (1165) 2.00 Agony Hour (1165) 3.00 Living Magazine (1165) 4.00 Infatuation (1165) 4.30 Crosswits (1165) 5.05 The Joker's Wild (1165) 5.30 The Fish Course (1165) 6.05 The Susan Powter Show (1165) 6.30 Esther (1165) 7.05 Crosswits (1165) 7.35 The Joker's Wild (1165) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (1165) 8.55 The Simple Programme (1165) 9.00 FILM: Courage (1986). Sophia Loren fights the war against drugs (1165) 11.40-12.00 Gladrags and Glamour (1165)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Adventures of Tintin (1165) 5.30 Gladiators 2000 (1373) 6.00 My Two Dads (8286) 6.30 Catchphrase (9538) 7.00 The Pyramid Game (1921) 7.30 Road to Avonlea (50977) 8.30 Home to Roost (5606) 9.00 Neon Rider (33557) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (38151) 10.30 The Adventures of Tintin (54199) 11.00 Lou Grant (35199) 12.00 Zorro (26855) 12.30am Rhoda (70132) 1.00 Trivial Pursuit (72720) 1.30 Rhoda (20855) 2.00 Neon Rider (47294) 3.00 Lou Grant (81229) 4.00 Rhoda (56861) 4.30-5.00 Zorro (93213)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (57855) 6.30 The Grind (61147) 7.00 3 from 1 (61147) 7.15 Awake on the Wildside (61147) 8.00 VJ Ingo (303644) 11.00 The Soul of MTV (16064) 12.00 Greatest Hits (67151) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (83199) 2.00 3 from 1 (83199) 2.15 The Afternoon Mix (83199) 3.00 Cinematic (83199) 3.15 The Afternoon Mix (83199) 4.00 MTV News at Night (83199) 4.15 The Afternoon Mix (83199) 4.30 Dial MTV (9151) 5.00 Real World 1 (2373) 5.30 Music Non-Stop (16101) 7.00 Greatest Hits (39731) 8.00 Most Wanted (68915) 9.30 Beavis and Butthead (68880) 10.00 News at Night (375441) 10.15 Cinematic (370998) 10.30 The Zig and Zag Show (56557) 11.00 Partyzone (83996) 1.00am The Soul of MTV (25403) 2.00 Night Videos (25403)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (45942) 9.00 Cafe VH-1 (45942) 12.00 The Bridge (45942) 1.00pm Ten of the Best Radney Foster (45942) 2.00 Heart and Soul (45942) 3.00 Into the Music (45942) 6.00 VH-1-2-3 (45942) 6.15 Prime Cuts (45942) 7.00 VH-1 for You (45942) 8.00 VH-1 Soul (45942) 9.00 Ten of the Best (45942) 10.00 Jonathan Ross Presents (45942) 10.30 Old Grey Whistle Test (45942) 11.00 Around and Around (45942) 12.00 The Nightfly (45942) 2.00am Ten of the Best (45942) 3.00 Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 6am to 7pm, incl 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Alif Laila (25403) 7.30 Antakshari (25403) 8.00 Asian Morning (25403) 9.00 Yeh Hai Bombay Meri Jaan (25403) 9.30 Parampara (25403) 10.00 Love Stories (25403) 10.30 Galaxzee (25403) 11.00 Aap ki Farmaish (25403) 11.30 Film Deewane (25403) 12.00 Campus (25403) 12.30pm Shaka (25403) 1.00 Hindi FILM: Joru Ka Ghulam (25403) 4.00 Padosi (25403) 5.00 Get Set Go (25403) 5.30 Public Demand (25403) 6.30 Campus (25403) 7.00 Zee Comedy (25403) 7.30 Urdu Serial (25403) 8.00 News, Zee and U (25403) 8.30 Film Chakker (25403) 9.00-12.00 Hindi FILM: Ganga Jamuna Saraswati (25403)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm That's Dancing (1985) (83481644) 9.00 The Unfinished Dance (1947) (43857016) 11.00 Blue Blood (1973) (96050915) 12.35am Smart Blonde (1937) (79298039) 1.45 Adventurous Blonde (1937) (10025107) 2.50-3.50 Smart Blonde (1937) As 12.35am (99002233)

CNN/QVC
CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel

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Frequent stoppages hamper England's efforts against fast bowlers

Atherton's class shines out in first-day gloom

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

HEADINGLEY (first day of five, West Indies won the toss): England have scored 148 for four wickets against West Indies

LEEDS was an inhospitable city yesterday and a Test series of momentous possibilities suffered an anticlimactic launch. In weather more appropriate to March than June, England were sustained through a disjointed, frustrating day by another recital of character and judgment from their captain, Michael Atherton. Let nobody doubt that he has now taken the final stride that separates the outstanding Test batsmen from the rest.

Atherton was spared one *dilemma* when he lost the toss for the fifth time in successive England games. The predictable insertion, by West Indies, simply replaced one problem with another but Atherton's batting has now assumed such stature and focus that he was able to rise above the disruptions and distractions. He had to stop and start his *innings no fewer than seven* times and to bat in grim light against fast bowlers finding sufficient in the pitch to keep them constantly interested. In such circumstances, his 81 was value for twice as many; the shame for him and England is *that he was out to the last ball* of the day.

England may not win this first game in the six-Test Cornhill series; they may not even avoid defeat. But without the durability of Atherton they would this morning have been confronting calamity. As it is, they have their last two specialist batsmen together and the *relatively safe haven of a* total above 300 will require at least one of them to bat for half of the second day.

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Few conclusions can be drawn from this desolate start, through which 16,000 ticket-holders shivered and sheltered stoically. It was no day to judge a team in the field, certainly not a team accustomed to much higher temperatures. *And yet it was* difficult to avoid the suspicion that previous West Indian sides would have exploited the assets of bowling on such a day. Curtly Ambrose was unlucky, as he has been more than once in recent weeks. *But, extraordinarily, he re*mains without a first-class wicket on tour. Courtney Walsh, his colossus of a new-ball partner, was oddly desultory and Kenny Benjamin, despite his two wickets, bowled an inconsistent length and line. The three catches that were put down in the slip cordon could perhaps be par*doned by chilled fingers and* reactions.

One thing, however, the touring side will rightly celebrate. Ian Bishop, bowling in a Test for the first time in more than two years, offered them respite and then real hope by taking two wickets in three balls at the tail end of the day, dismissing Thorpe leg-before *from round the wicket and* then producing a beauty to have Atherton caught behind.

These blows have altered the complexion of the game; they also rewarded Bishop for a day's work that strongly suggested he can be a potent *force once again.*

Atherton had decided he would bat first, had he won the toss, though he would not have done so without doubt. "It is always difficult here," he explained later. "Eventually you have to go with your gut feeling." Richie Richardson felt differently but, on this occasion, there may just have been a *protective element to* his decision.

England omitted Angus Fraser to play Devon Malcolm and to justify the choice they must hope the pitch quickens up. In yesterday's third over, Atherton had time to adjust *his stroke and glide Ambrose* off the face of the bat for four to third man. Not every ball allowed such liberties and when Ambrose made one lift unpleasantly, Robin Smith was dropped by Carl Hooper at second slip.

Atherton needed his slices of fortune, too. But always he looked settled, whereas Smith, in his unfamiliar role, never did. A thick-edged cut against Benjamin, taken high at third slip by Richardson, brought his end after an opening stand *of 52.*

Hick soon began to play with the booming authority *that he has previously lacked* against this opposition. Three times in a stray over from Benjamin, he cut him for four and when, after two more rain *breaks, he repeated the shot* with great ferocity, he looked dumbfounded to see Campbell plunge to his right at back*ward point, clutching the* catch two-handed.

The nature of the day was summed up in the following over. Walsh dropped short and Atherton clubbed him for four to reach his 50. Next ball, impeccable of length and mov*ing just enough off the seam,* was close to unplayable. England's bowlers must locate such accuracy consistently if *they are to win; they must* also hope for a rise in humidity to make the ball swing, which it did not do yesterday.

Richardson, who had put down a desperately difficult chance when Atherton was 34, also missed Thorpe at third *slip, though arguably he did* well to lay a hand on it. It was hereabouts, with the showers increasing in regularity, the *bowlers slipping in their ap*proach and the spectators huddling in rugs and scarves that the day verged on the farcical. "It was difficult to keep your concentration," said Atherton. "Not a very enjoyable day to be playing." Cricket, *indeed*, was *never meant* for days such as this.

MARC ASPLAND

Atherton pulls Bishop for four during a resolute display which further advanced his reputation

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

West Indies won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

R A Smith c Richardson b Benjamin 16
(69min, 48 balls, 1 four)
*M A Atherton c Murray b Bishop 81
(214min, 145 balls, 8fours)
G A Hick c Campbell b Benjamin 18
(35min, 24 balls, 4 fours)
G P Thorpe lbw b Bishop 20
(101min, 68 balls, 3 fours)
†A J Stewart not out 1
(9min, 4 balls)
M R Ramprakash not out 0
(1min, 0 balls)
Extras (b 1, nb 11) 12
Total (4 wkts, 46.1 overs, 216min) 148

P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, P J Martin, R K Illingworth and D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52 (Atherton 31), 2-91 (Atherton 49), 3-142 (Atherton 77), 4-148 (Stewart 1).

BOWLING: Ambrose 12-3-28-0 (nb 3; 7-3-12-0, 5-0-16-0); Walsh 12-2-48-0 (nb 2; 4-1-13-0, 8-1-33-0); Bishop 10.1-2-16-2 (nb 1; 2-0-8-0, 8.1-2-8-2); Benjamin 12-2-57-2 (nb 6; 9-1-47-2, 3-1-10-0).

WEST INDIES: C L Hooper, S L Campbell, B C Lara, *R B Richardson, J C Adams, K L T Arthurton, †J R Murray, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, K C G Benjamin.

Match Adjudicator: D Lloyd.

Umpires: H D Bird and S Venkataraghavan.

TV replay umpire: P Willey.

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

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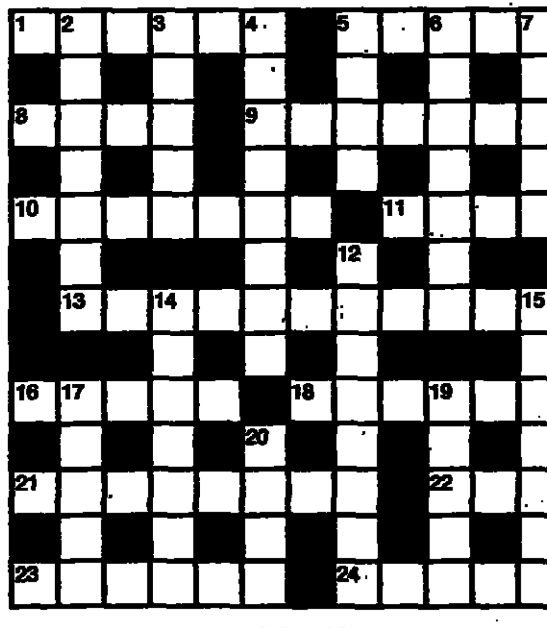

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5 Travelled round on holiday (6)
8 At no charge (4)
9 Woodland management (8)
10 Naughty action (7)
11 Ball-game played with *glove* (5)
13 Very sensitive firing device (4-7)
16 Bird; Jonathan —, satirist (5)
18 Look carefully at (7)
21 One resigned to the future (8)
22 Unwell (4)
23 UK's longest river (6)
24 Extremely happy (6)

DOWN
2 Like a monster (7)
3 Great fear (5)
4 Bounces back; thinks (8)
5 Coronation Hill of Irish kings (4)
6 (Economic) cycle of recovery (7)
7 Eagle's nest (5)
12 Character sketch; portrait shaded off (8)
14 Fill with air (7)
15 *Find* use for waste (7)
17 Large cetacean (5)
19 Ottoman high official (5)
20 Gesture; symbol (4)

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Inter edge closer to £7m Ince

PAUL INCE'S £7 million transfer to Italy took a large step nearer to becoming reality yesterday (Peter Ball writes). Manchester United and Internazionale of Milan finalised their part of the *transfer yesterday morning*, leaving the final decision with the player.

If it is completed, it will be a new record transfer fee for an English player. Although Andy Cole's transfer to Manchester United was origi*nally valued at £7 million*, a book value of £250,000 on Keith Gillespie makes that figure lower and, by the time the Ince deal is completed, it will exceed £7 million.

Ince is expected to fly out to Milan early next week. Last week, he *said* that he had no desire to leave United, but the knowledge that the club is now willing to sell him and the offer of a contract said to be worth approximately £4 *mil*lion over three years are likely to sway him.

"I felt the time was right to sell when you consider the *strength* we have *in midfield*," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. "Sometimes you have to take a step back to move forward, but in doing that we will advance the United cause."

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Arsenal turn to Rioch to revive their fortunes

By John Goodbody

BRUCE RIOCH was yesterday appointed as the manager of Arsenal, succeeding George Graham who was dismissed in February after allegations *of irregular transfer pay*ments. After the unsettling controversies and disciplinary problems at Highbury, the arrival of Rioch, a martinet during his spells as manager at Bolton Wanderers, Millwall and Middlesbrough, should *settle affairs at the club*, which so narrowly failed to retain the European Cup-Winners' Cup last season.

It also ends the harmful uncertainty at Arsenal, which, over the last month, had been floundering around trying to find a manager. The club failed to persuade Bobby Robson to return to England from Portugal.

However, the appointment of Rioch, 47, *on a three-year* contract, jeopardises the future at Highbury of Stewart Houston, who had been caretaker manager since Gra*ham's dismissal. Rioch said* yesterday he had already spoken to Houston, No 2 to Graham for five years, and told him he has "no plans" to bring in another coach "at this current moment".

Arsenal also announced that Tony Adams had signed an extension to his contract, which, according to Peter Hill-Wood, the chairman, will keep the club captain and England defender at Highbury until *the end of his career, and that* Rioch has up to £10 million to spend on new players.

The appointment of Rioch follows the pattern set by Graham, who, between 1986 and 1995, led Arsenal to their most successful period since the Thirties. Like his predecessor, Rioch is a former manager of Millwall. He also inspired Bolton to a series of cup victories over FA Carling Premiership clubs, including a win over Arsenal, then the holders, in the 1993-94 FA Cup.

Rioch: discipline

This run climaxed last season, with Bolton being promoted to the Premiership and *also reaching the Coca-Cola* Cup final, where they lost 2-1 to Liverpool.

Rioch said his decision to leave Bolton was a "decision made on a personal basis and also on a family basis and most certainly on a professional basis". Rioch's *family home* is in Harpenden, not far from Arsenal's training ground.

He said that he left Bolton with "great reluctance" and added: "Over the three years that I worked with the Wanderers, I have built a great working relationship with the chairman, staff and players of the club."

As a player, Rioch won a league title with Derby County and captained Scotland in the 1978 World Cup, before beginning work as a manager at Torquay in 1982.

Steve Coppell returned to Crystal Palace as technical director yesterday, two years after he left the club when they were relegated from the Premiership. Coppell, the former Manchester United and England player, guided Palace to promotion and the FA Cup final in 1990.

Technical misfortune hampers Williams challenge

From Oliver Holt
in Montreal

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER is on a roll. Two successive victories behind him and the Formula One motor racing world championship seems his for the taking again as he prepares *for* the Canadian Grand Prix on Sunday. Damon Hill and David Coulthard, the Williams-Renault drivers who were expected to be his main challengers, are flagging in the pursuit.

But Hill and Coulthard arrived here on Tuesday not only worried about Schumacher's surge but also disturbed by the *string* of technical failures that are doing as much as the German's brilliance to sabotage their respective challenges.

In the 13 races that Coulthard has driven for Williams since he was brought into the team more than a year ago, he has had nine terminal technical problems. Earlier this week, it emerged that Hill's second place to Schumacher in Monaco two weeks ago, owed more to a malfunctioning part than to the team's flawed pit-stop strategy.

Hill, who is five points behind Schumacher, drove for all *78 laps* with a locked differential, the part that governs the speed of the rear wheels as the car corners and allows the outer wheel to rotate faster than the inner. If it locks, the car tends to want to go straight on, a handicap that puts Hill's second place in perspective.

Neither Frank Williams, the team owner, nor his technical director, Patrick Head, would comment on the litany of problems that the team has suffered this season but Coulthard responded to his run of bad luck with characteristic *sang-froid*. Electronic problems foiled him while leading the Argentine Grand Prix and gearbox problems brought him to a premature halt in Spain and Monaco.

He said: "I haven't got to the stage that Jean Alesi seems to be at yet, when it looks as though blood vessels are going to burst in his face every time his Ferrari packs up.

"It is frustrating for me because I have been losing good positions to technical problems, but Williams are famous for their attention to detail and I know they will get it right very soon."

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